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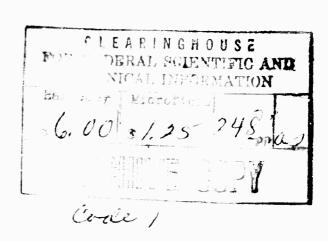
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### PREFACE

Since the inception of its program in Seismology, the Coast and Geodetic Survey has actively collected, analyzed, and published data concerning earthquakes in the United States. The results are published in the yearly series, <u>United States Earthquakes</u>. Notwithstanding this effort, complete seismicity studies are lacking for most of the country primarily due to the incompleteness of magnitude data for a majority of the earthquakes.

Detailed seismicity studies are fairly complete only for limited areas of dense station coverage. In California, where magnitudes of all located earthquakes have been computed for many years, it has been possible to make statistical studies of the data. Recently, however, improvements in seismograph instruments and better geographic distribution of recording sites, along with advances in reporting and processing techniques, have greatly increased the number and reliability of earthquake epicenters located elsewhere in the United States. With the routine determination of magnitudes, which was begun by the Coast and Geodetic Survey in 1963, a meaningful statistic is now available from which seismicity studies can be made for the entire United States.

To make such studies, it is desirable to know the approximate lower limit of magnitude for which we may expect all earthquakes to be located. Accordingly, in this report, the geographic

distribution and operating characteristics of the United States network of seismograph stations are used to provide this know-ledge. The method used is the statistical approach of Booker (1964) with minor modifications. Results are given in terms of the probability of detecting an event, with known hypocenters and magnitude, by at least five stations of the total network of seismograph stations. Five is the minimum number of stations required for a hypocenter computation by the Coast and Geodetic Survey's hypocenter program.

This report is presented in two parts. Part I is a presentation of the seismicity based on earthquakes located in the United States during 1963-64 as reported in Preliminary Determination of Epicenters. Part II is an evaluation of the capability of the existing network of seismograph stations.

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### Part I

Un the States Seismicity for 1965-64

### 1. Introduction

The loast and Godelic Survey began exporting earthquake magnitudes during 1963. These magnitudes, which are based on the mb magnitude scale of Gutenberg and Scanter (1956) as adopted by the Coast and Geodetic Survey, provide the needed parameter, in addition to the hypocenter, for complete seignicity studies. This study is based on earthquakes reported on the Preliminary Determination of Epicenter (P.D.E.) cards of the Coast and Geodetic Survey. It is, accordingly, recognized that more complete data will be available in some areas with the publication of local station bulletins.

Four types of presentations are made: (1) a chronological list of earthquakes; (2) a magnitude map showing the geographical distribution of earthquakes whose magnitudes are greater than, or equal to, 3.0; (3) a presentation of frequency versus magnitude for the total United States and for individual regions of high seismicity; and (4) a "seismicity" map giving a quantitative measure of relative seismic activity.

Chronological listings of earthquakes, along with epicenter maps with symbols for magnitude and depth, have been used for many years to present seismic activity. More recently, however,

work has been directed toward developing quantitative measures of seismicity. Bath (1956) discussed the different definitions and gave. Perences to the pertinent literature up to 1956.

Two basic methods of presenting quantitative seismicity now widely used are: areal summing of energies of indivioual shocks (Bath, 1953), and "seismic activity" based on the frequencyenergy relationship of earthquakes (Riznichenko, 1959). (1960) further developed the areal summing method of presenting quantitative seismicity. By this method, all earthquakes from the threshold magnitude for the entire region of study to the highest magnitude attained in each unit area are summed. The method of Riznichenko, which he has further developed (Riznichenko, 1964), establishes a level of seismic activity for each unit area based on the frequency-energy plot of earthquakes within the The resulting map displays the areal variation of the recurrence rate of earthquakes of a specified energy level. method assumes the slope of the frequency-energy plot to be constant throughout the region of study. It requires accurate knowledge of the frequency-magnitude relationship.

St. Amand (1956) has suggested the sum of the square-roots of energies from individual earthquakes (a variation of the areal summing technique) as a quantitative measure of seismicity

inasmuch as the results are porportional to strain release (Benioff, 1951). For this study we prefer St. Amand's method to illustrate areal strain release patterns. By this method no assumptions are required regarding secular seismicity.

### 2. Geographical Distribution of Earthquakes

For convenience of presenting detail, the United States is divided arbitrarily into eight regions as shown on Figure 1. These regions are in no way related to physiographic, geologic, or seismic provinces.

During the two year period covered by this report, the Coast and Geodetic Survey reported epicenters of 691 earthquakes in the conterminous United States as a part of the Preliminary Determination of Epicenters program. A chronological listing of these events is presented in Table 1. Their geographic distribution is shown on Figures 2 to 7.

Earthquakes are distinguished by magnitude in ranges of 3.0-4.0, 4.0-5.0, 5.0-6.0. No earthquake with a magnitude greater than 6.0 occurred in the conterminous United States during the 1963-64 period. The presentation of all earthquakes in the magnitude range 3.0-4.0 results in somewhat biased values of earthquake density for areas having good station coverage. We will return to this point subsequently and discuss it in detail in Part II of this report.

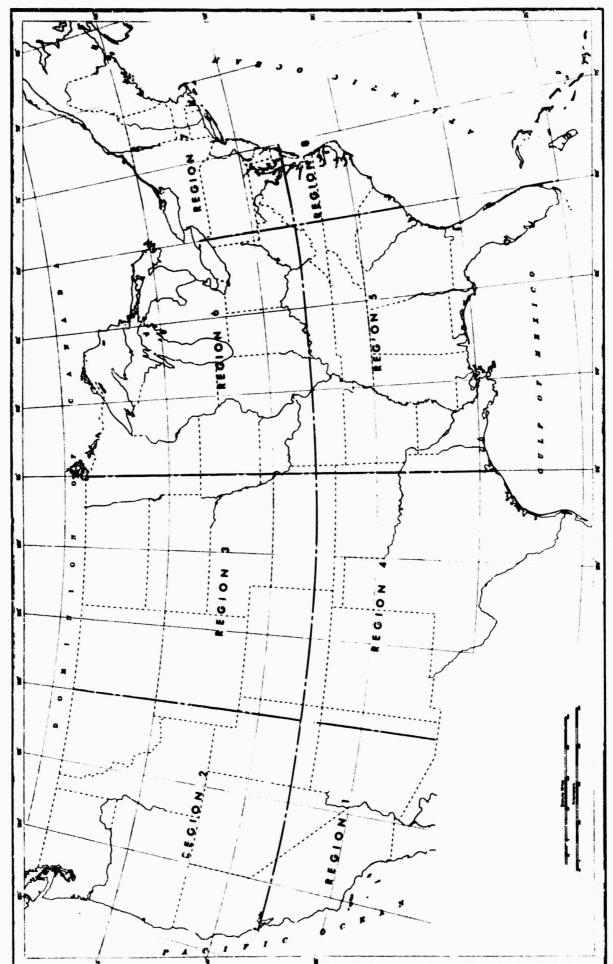


Figure 1. Regional Divisions of the United States for the Presentation of 1963-64 Seismicity.

of the total events reported on P.D.E. cards during 1963 and 1964 approximately 90 percent had epicenters in the seismic regions of the western United States west of the eastern edge of the Rocky Mountains. In terms of numbers of earthquakes, the region designated by Heck (1938) as the "western mountain region," displays the highest seismicity (see Figures 2 and 3). Figure 3 displays four highly active areas. The two which show the highest activity in terms of numbers of earthquakes are in central Idaho, centered at 44.5°N-114.5°W, and an elongated east-west area in extreme northwestern Wyoming and southwestern Montana. Two other areas displaying high activity are eastern Idaho at 43.0°N-111.5°W and southwestern Nevada at 39°N-118.5°W.

The central Idaho earthquakes are closely grouped in time as well as space. The sequence began on September 6, 1963 and continued with a high level of activity until December 23, when one event registered a magnitude  $(m_b)$  of 5.1. Following this earthquake the activity decreased rapidly. Similarly, the major activity in southwestern Nevada falls within a thirty-six day period following a magnitude 5 0 earthquake on October 23, 1964.

Along the Pacific coast the greatest activity occurred in southern California (see Figures 2 and 3). The level of seismic

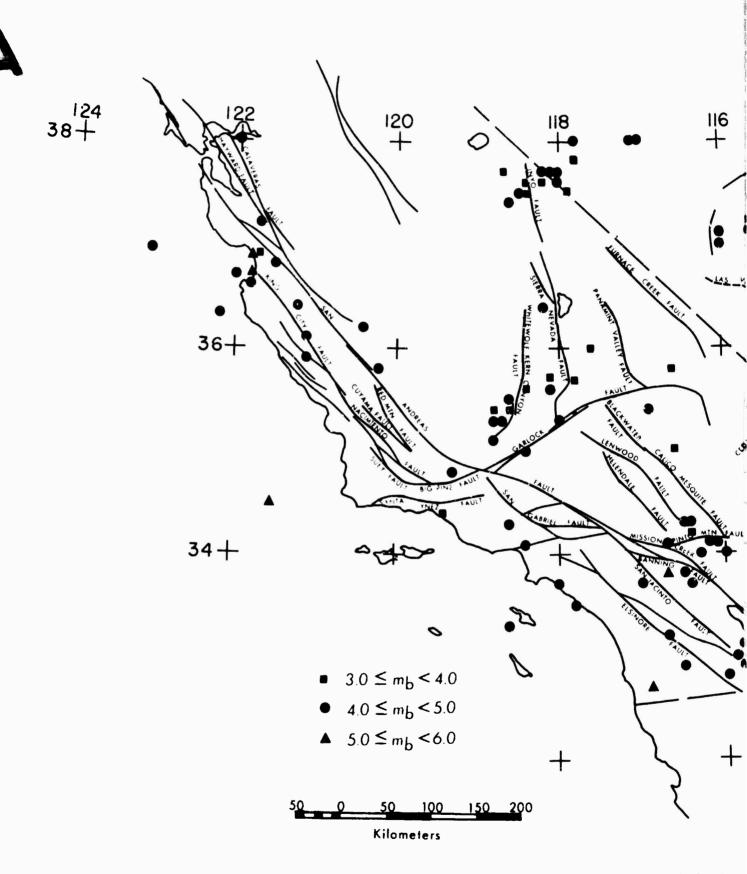
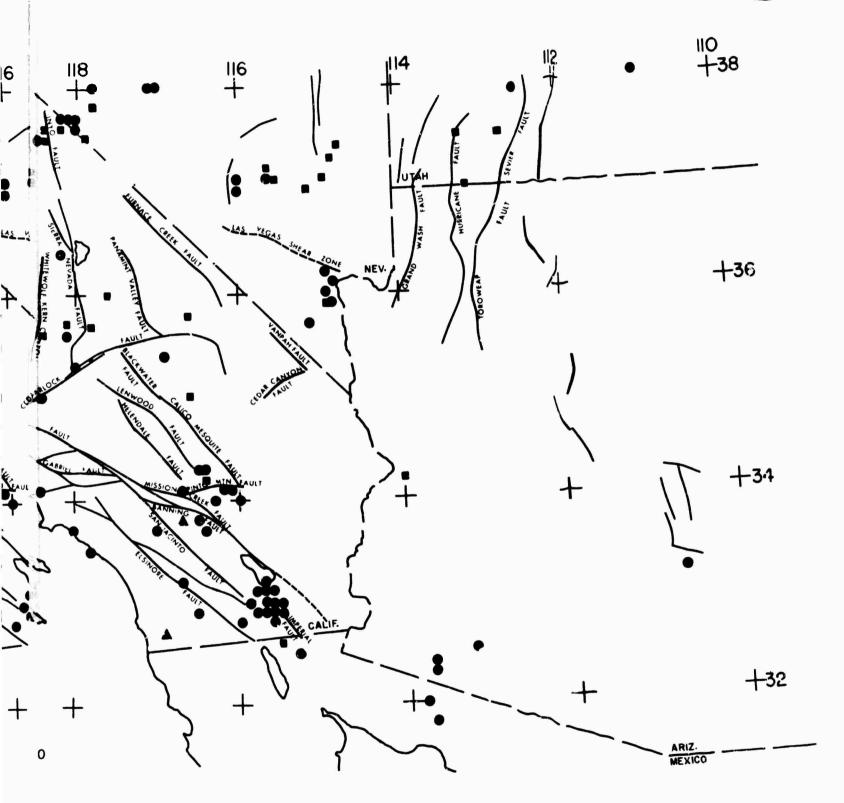


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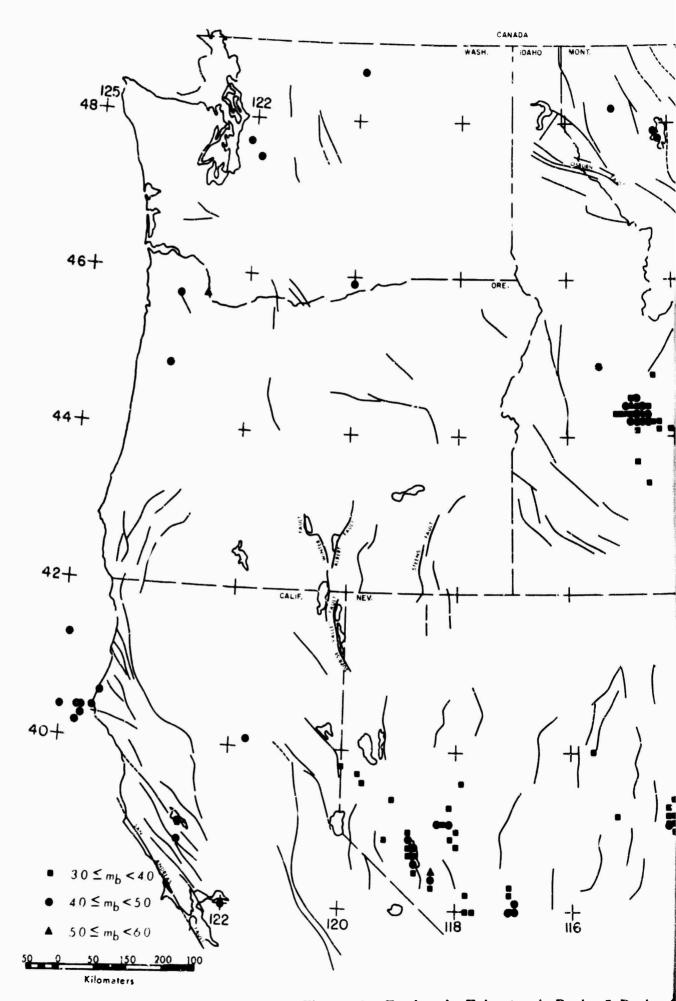


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activity in southern California south of 36°N is more than six times greater than in northern California. Gutenberg and Richter (1954) suggest that this is, in part, a temporary condition. They observe that earthquake activity has been atmormally low in central California, relative to southern California, since the San Francisco earthquake of 1906. The data of this report indicate a continuation of this condition.

An area of dense earthquake activity occurred in southern California (see Figure 2). These events, which show congruity with the Imperial Fault, also display close time correlation, most of them having occurred on October 27 and 28, 1963. No other significantly dense occurrence of earthquake activity is noted along the Pacific coast.

Historically, the most active seismic region in the United States has been along the Pacific coast, especially along the San Andreas and associated fault systems of California. That the data of this report fail to support this historical trend is largely due to the way in which it is presented. For if we limit our study to earthquakes of magnitude 4.0 or greater, the Pacific coast displays the greatest activity. Improved instrumentation along with better geographic distribution of recording sites in the western mountain region allows increasingly larger numbers of minor earthquakes, which previously

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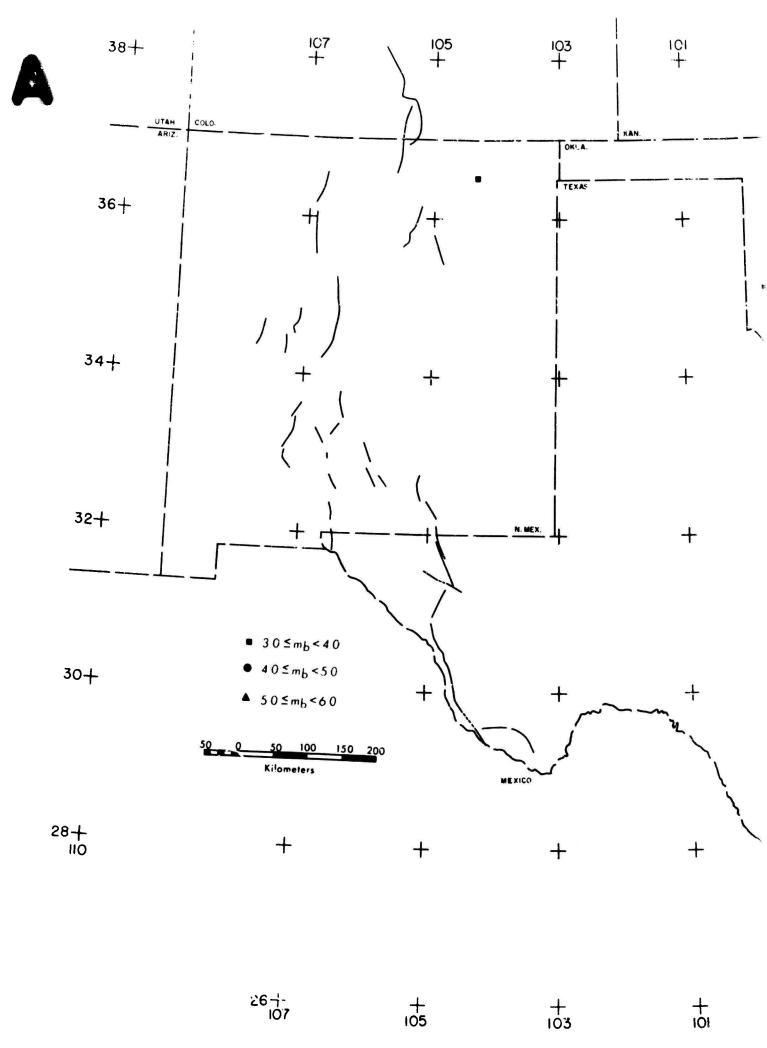


Figure 5. Earthquake Epicenters in Region 4 During 1963-64.

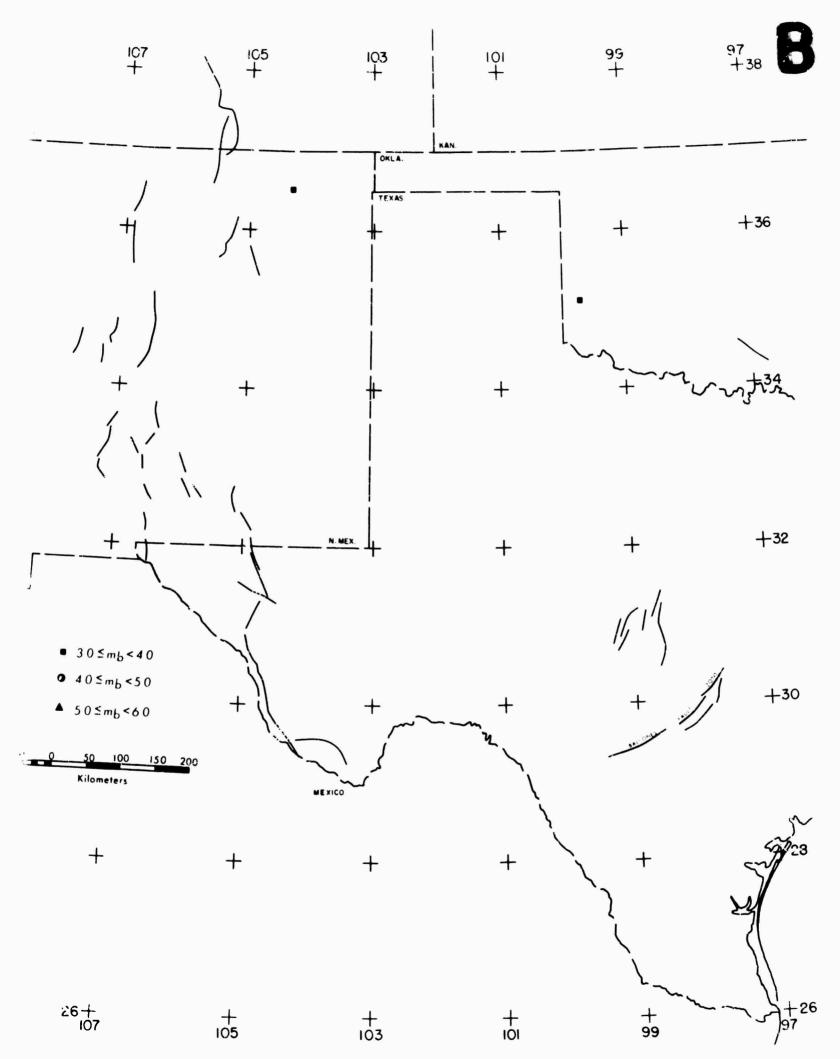


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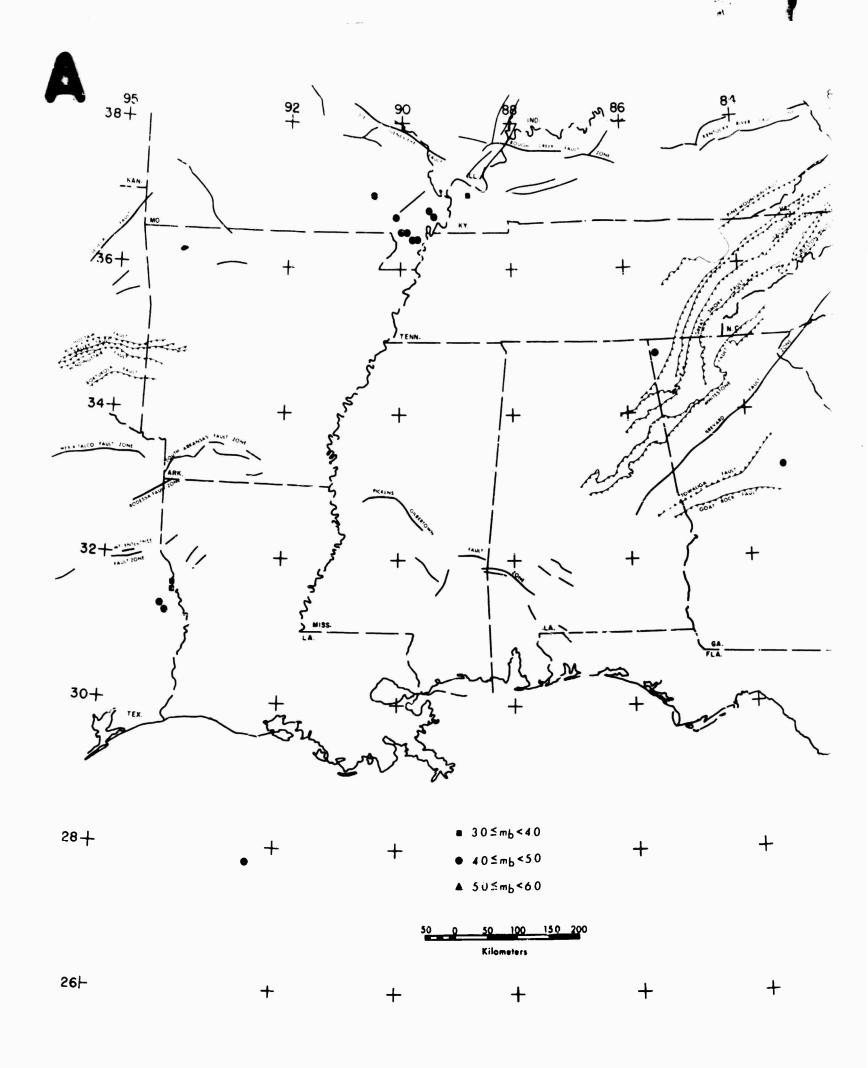
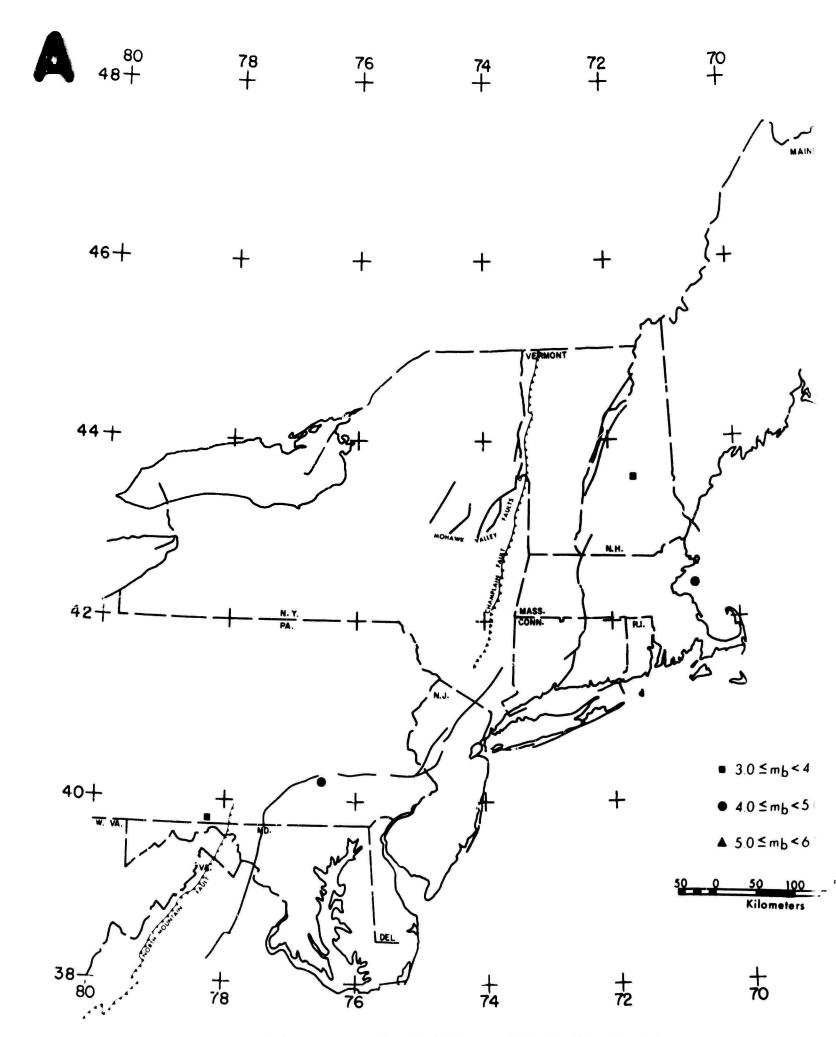


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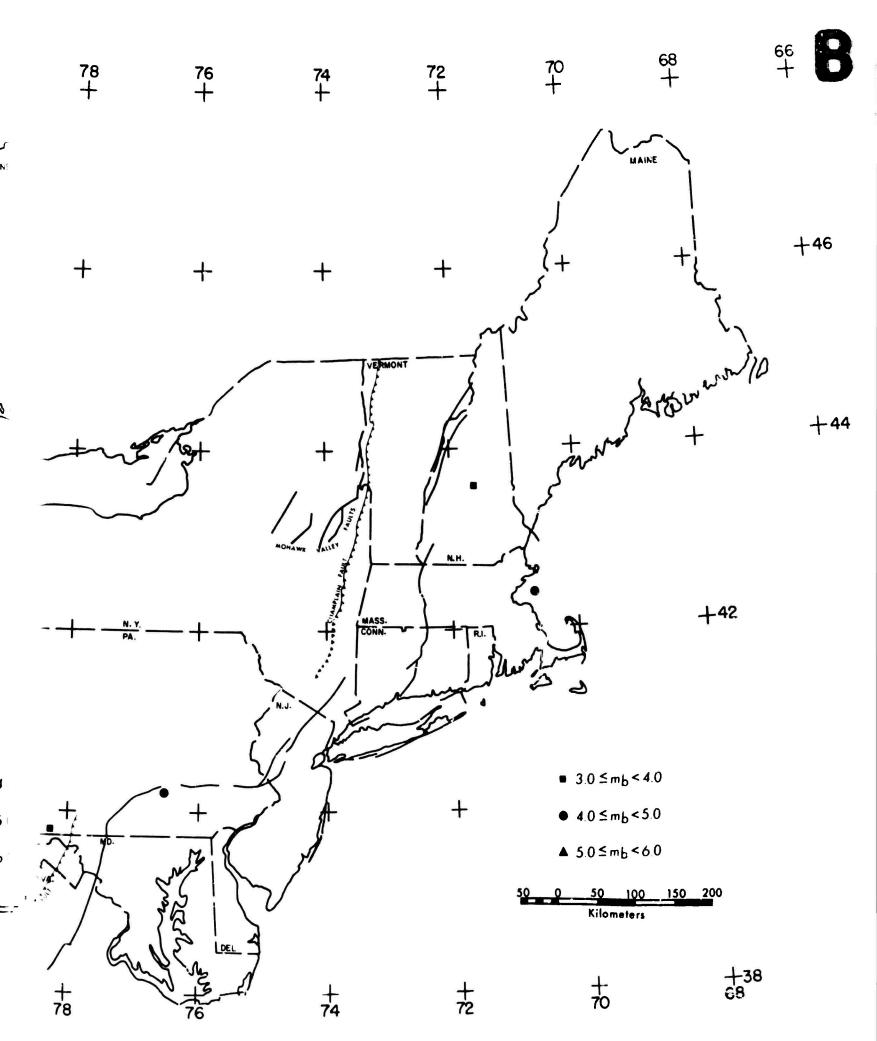


Figure 7. Earthquake Epicenters in Region 7 During 1963-64.

would have gone unreported, to be located in this region and their magnitudes determined. The location of low magnitude events in California and adjoining areas of Nevada and Oregon is accomplished by the two seismograph networks centered at Berkeley and Pasadena. Earthquakes within this region whose magnitudes are less than about 4.0 are generally not located for P.D.E. Therefore, for earthquakes of magnitudes less than 4.0, there is no consistency of the data from P.D.E. cards for different regions of the United States. In some areas this condition is due to incomplete reporting of data, while in other areas it is due to the limitations of the network detection capability.

East of the Rocky Mountain front, earthquake activity is very low (see Figures 4 to 7). The highest activity, in terms of number of earthquakes, is in the well known seismic region of southeast Missouri (see Figure 6).

### 3. Depth of Focus

In the case of shallow earthquakes, with which this study is concerned, the depth of focus is the most difficult hypocenter parameter to determine. Depth determination for low magnitude earthquakes within the earth's crust by least squares solution of the travel-time data is subject to gross error, which cannot be easily evaluated, due to variations in regional travel time. The accuracy has been said to be on the order of 25 km,

but computations based on recordings of nuclear explosions (Herrin and Taggart, 1962) show this estimate to be somewhat optimistic for some areas. The limitations on the method, especially for low magnitude crustal events which are recorded only locally and regionally, have been long recognized by the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Accordingly, depths are often restricted to conform with historical accounts of depths of earthquakes in the epicenter area.

The focal depth resolution may be expected to be more accurate in areas of high station density where at least one station is often near anough to the epicenter to record a direct P-wave. Such areas are southern and central California, southwest Montana, and southeast Missouri.

Separate maps illustrating focal depths were not prepared for this report because the narrow range of depths displayed by the data does not exceed the expected error. However, several observations may be made. All of the earthquakes have depths within the earth's crust. Earthquakes in southern California generally have depths from 8 km to 18 km. Northward in California depths range from 14 km to about 30 km.

A similar range of denths is displayed in the western Basin and Range province, while in the eastern Basin and Range the depths are closely grouped at about 33 km. This grouping is misleading, however, inasmuch as many of the earthquakes in this region are restrained at a depth of 33 km. A number of events in central Idaho and in the Yellowstone Park and adjacent

areas had depths between 40 km and 50 km. In the only significant area of seismic activity east of the Rocky Mountains, that of southeast Missouri, the focal depths ranged generally from 18 km to 25 km.

### 4. Frequency versus Magnitude

an important method of displaying seismicity is to construct recurrence curves of earthquake magnitude versus frequency of occurrence. These recurrence curves have several important applications. Comparison can be made of levels of activity for different regions. If they can be constructed in sufficient detail, it is possible to construct maps of "seismic activity" in the manner described by Riznichenko (1959). They may also serve as the basis for statistical probability studies of earthquake occurrence.

Such carves have been constructed for the entire United
States (see Figure 8) and for three seismic regions: southern
California; northern California, which includes western Nevada;
and the eastern Basin and Range (see Figures 9 to 11). South rn
California and northern California are divided approximately
on the basis of the area covered by the two networks of seismograph stations— the southern network centered at Pasadena,
and the northern network centered at Berkeley. The eastern
Basin and Range is used here locally to describe the area of
high seismicity extending from Arizona to Montana along the
Wasatch Fault Block and associated faults to the north and south
along the same trend.

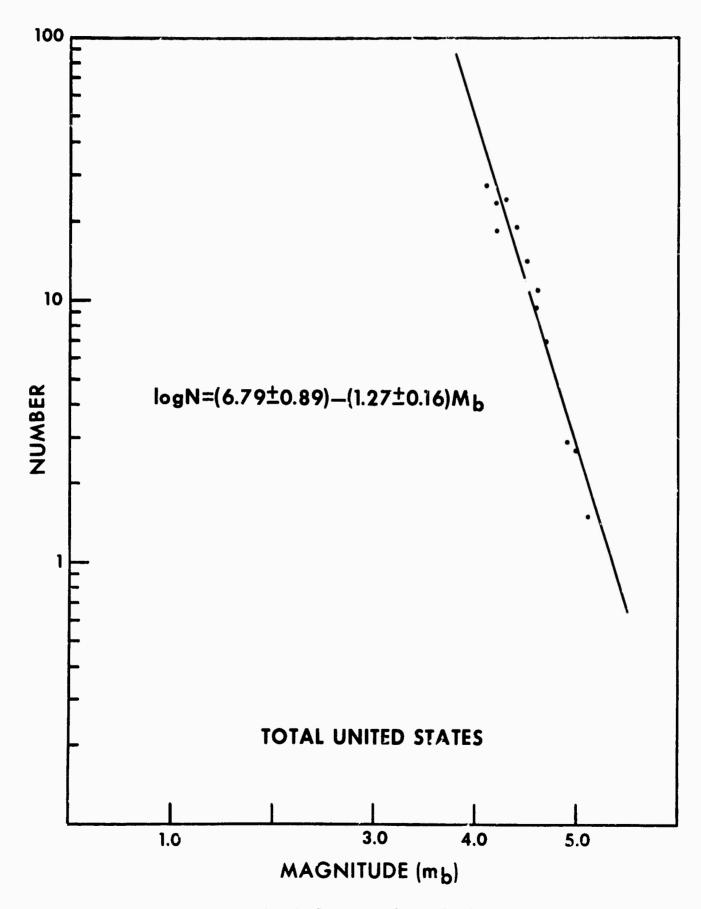


Figure 8. Earthquake Recurrence Curves for the Conterminous United States Based on 1963-64 Data.

To minimize the effect of incomplete listing of the smaller magnitudes, the smallest magnitude considered in constructing the recurrence curves is  $m_b=4.0$ . An impirical expression of the form

$$^{\circ}$$
 og  $N = a + bm_b$ 

has been derived by the least square method for each set of data. The .lope b varies from 0.83 in southern Talifornia to 1.27 for the total United States.

The recurrence curves of Figures 8 to 11 are based on an extremely limited range of magnitudes as well as on a limited data sample. We must then consider whether or not they can be extrapolated to lower and higher magnitudes. In addition, the question arises regarding this representation of secular activity. In view of the limited sample of data treated here, we prefer to restrict the recurrence curves to comparisons for the time covered by the report.

That the frequency of earthquakes increases with decreasing magnitude has been demonstrated for California as far down as magnitude 3.0 (Niazi, 1964. Allen, et al., 1965). During the course of this investigation detailed reports of local earthquakes, in the area which has been termed loosely here as the eastern Basin and Range, were compiled for a two month period from March 1, 1963 to May 1, 1963. On the basis of these data sixty-one events were located using a minimum of three stations. Of this number, thirteen events were recorded at five stations or more (the minimum number required for P.D.E.), which were not previously reported on P.D.E. cards. Although magnitudes were

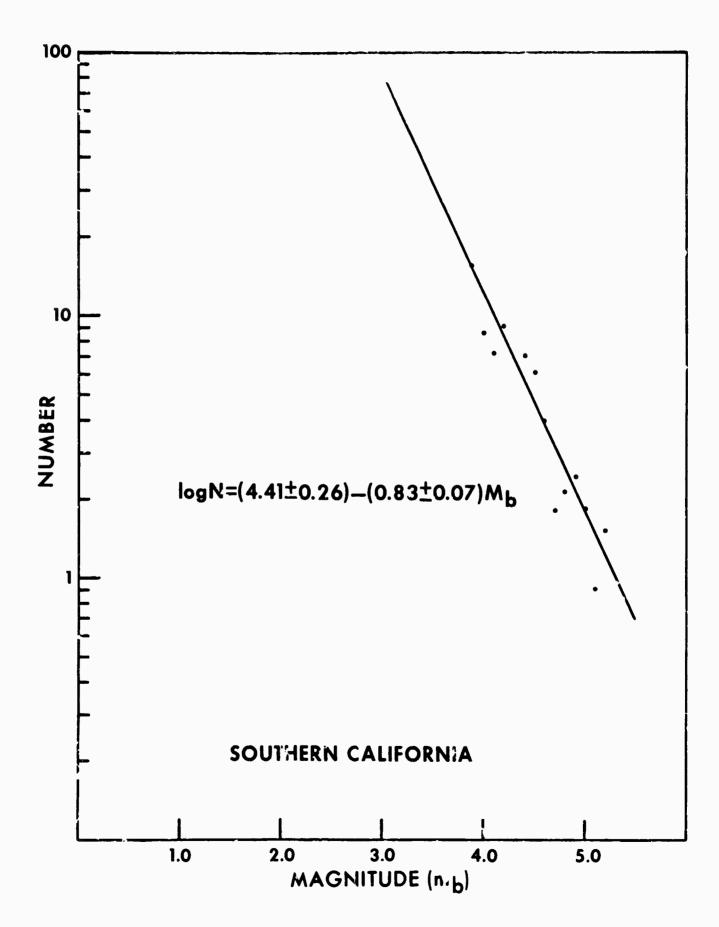


Figure 9. Earthquake Recurrence Curves for Southern California Based on 1963-64 Data.

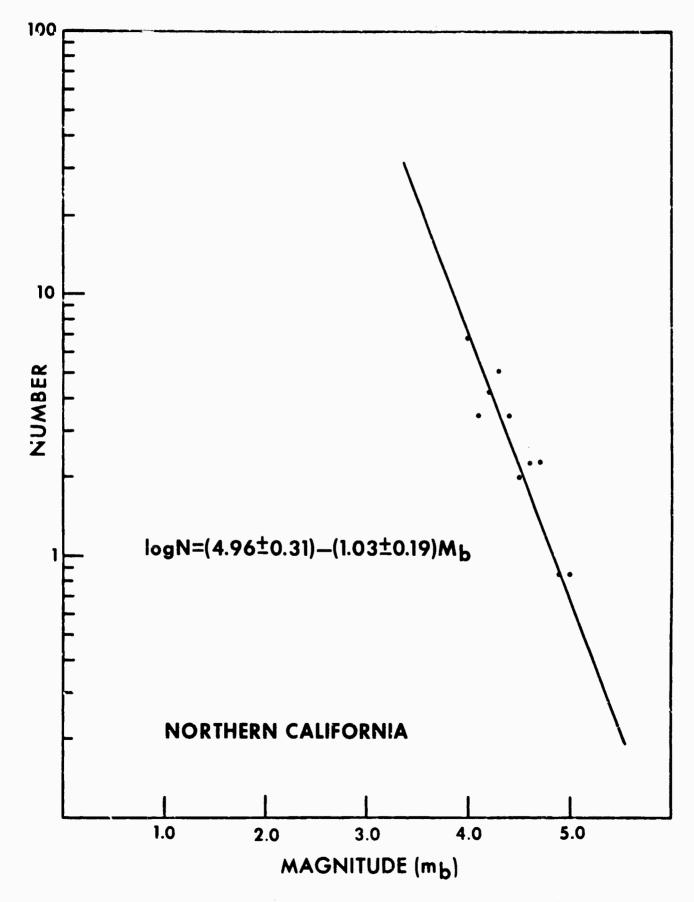


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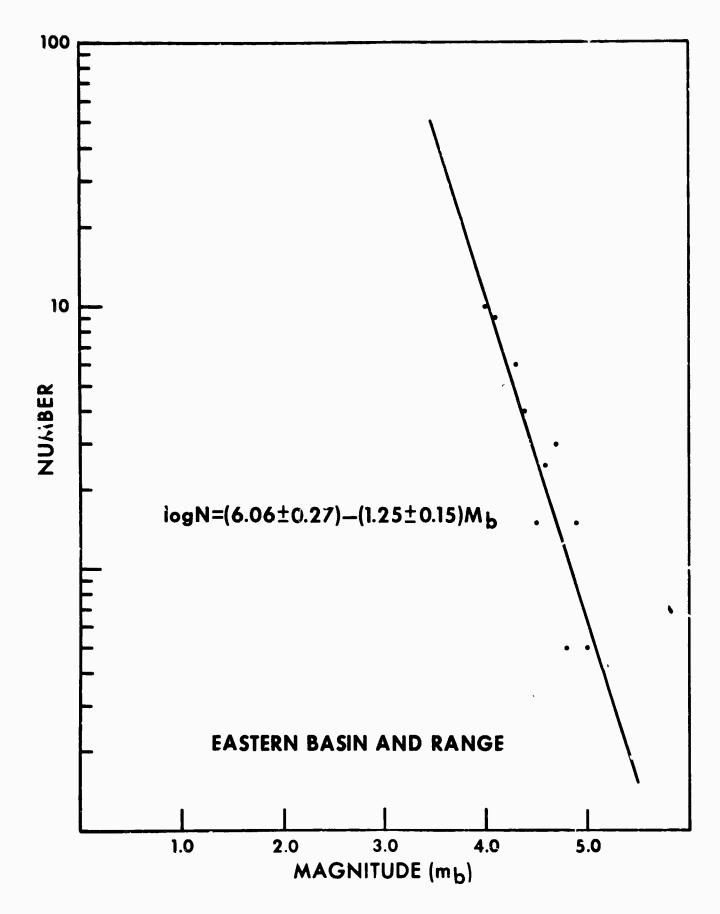


Figure 11. Earthquake Recurrence Curves for the Eastern Basin and Range Based on 1963-64 Data.

not computed, all are above at least  $m_b = 3.2$  and most likely above  $m_b = 3.4$  but below  $m_b = 4.0$ . Assuming that the earthquake activity during these two months is representative of the entire year, at least 366 events exceeding magnitude 3.2 were not located in this region in 1963. When these are combined with the reported earthquakes with computed magnitudes between 3.2 and 4.0, the total slightly exceeds the number predicted by the recurrence curve of Figure 11. Special studies of local seismicity in New Mexico and Nevada may be cited as supporting evidence (Mickey, 1964; Sanford, 1965). At the upper end of the scale, Allen, et al. (1965) suggest that the scale may be linear to near the largest earthquakes. It may be expected then that in the range of magnitudes (3.0 to 4.5) of interest in Part II of this report, the linear relationship holds.

If the slope of the recurrence curve is considered uniquely characteristic of earthquake occurrence, then comparisons can be made between treas represented by the curves. On this basis, the ratio of magnitude 5.0 to magnitude 3.0 earthquakes is 0.025 for southern California, 0.011 for northern California, and 0.011 for the eastern Basin and Range. Northern California and the eastern Basin and Range show equal rates of strain release by small earthquakes while southern California shows relatively less strain release by small earthquakes.

However, Tomaki (1963) has warned against the use of recurrence curves for tectonic interpretations. He shows that the slope of the recurrence formula depends on the total number of earthquakes on which the formula is based and the total energy released by them, and never characterizes the mode of earthquake occurrence. The data of this report are insufficient to permit conclusions in this regard.

# 5. Regional Strain Release Patterns

The relative strain release maps of Figures 12 to 17 are prepared in a manner similar to that described by St. Amand (1956). The displayed values represent what he terms "tectonic flux." Computation is based on the magnitude-energy relation (Richter, 1957, p. 365),

$$log E = 5.8 + 2.4 m_b$$
.

The ratio of the square root of the energy computed in this manner to the square root of the energy of a magnitude 4.0 earthquake is obtained according to the relation,

$$\log Q_{4.0}^{1/2} = 1.2 (m_b - 4.0).$$

A fiducial magnitude of 4.0 permits convenient contouring and is the lowest magnitude for which reasonably consistent data are available over the entire region.

To show "tectonic flux" per unit area, a spatial unit of 2,500 km<sup>2</sup> was selected. St. Amand (1956) and Riznichinko (1959) suggest a unit area of about 10,000 km<sup>2</sup> for regional studies.

Niazi (1964) used a unit area ranging between 360 km² and 388 km² for detailed studies in northern California and western Nevada. Allen, et al. (1965) used 72 m² for detailed studies in southern California. The 2,500 km² area selected for this study is not entirely arbitrary. It exceeds the limits of the error in epicenter location as well as the total area over which it is expected that strain is released for the largest earthquake of the data sample. Accordingly, no smoothing of the data is required. It is, on the other hand, small enough to allow some detail. The temporal unit is one year.

The "tectonic flux" of each unit area is then determined from

$$\sum Q_{4.0}^{1/2}$$

where the summation extends over all earthquakes in the block. The quantity so determined is plotted in the center of each block and is represented by contours. The contours displayed on Figures 12 to 17 represent the "tectonic flux" by a progression in which each contour above 5.0 has a value twice the preceding smaller one. Contours have been drawn for every area in which earthquakes were located. This procedure results in a number of isolated contours in which the "tectonic flux"

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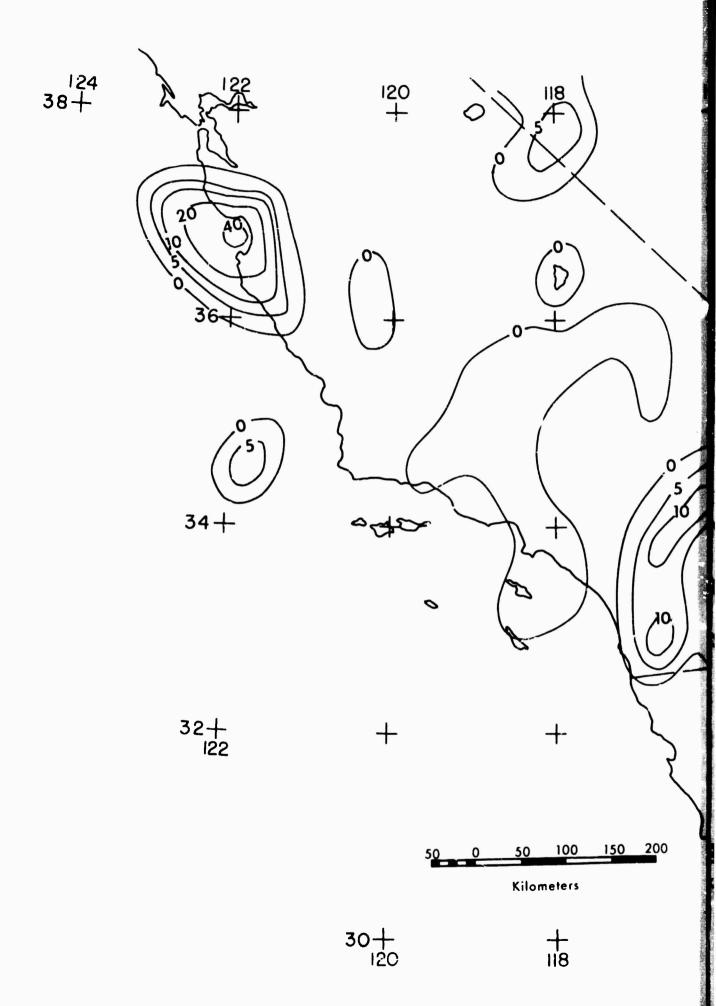
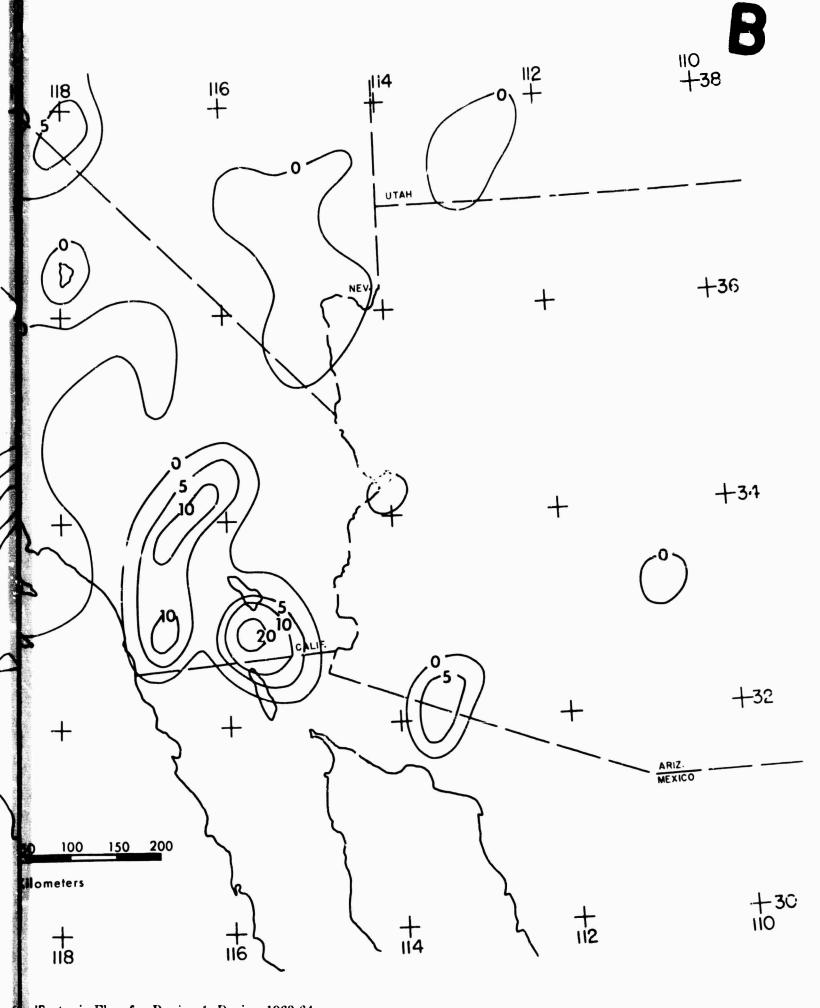


Figure 12. Tectonic Flux for Region



'Tectonic Flux for Region 1 During 1963-64.

is greater than zero but does not reach 5.0, the value of the next higher contour. These small values show the effect of one to a few earthquakes whose magnitudes are near or lower than the fiducial magnitude.

The representation of seismicity presented in Figures 12 through 17 provides information about the variation and level of seismic activity in the United States. As has been stated earlier, these must be treated as transient features. However, they assume greater significance when comparisons are made with other seismicity studies.

The high level of activity in southern California centered at 33°N-115°W (see Figure 12) correlates well with similarly high activity displayed by Allen, et al. (1965) based on a 29 year data sample covering the period January 1, 1935 to January 1, 1963. The present data suggest that this high level of activity continued to January 1, 1965. The "tectonic flux" values are the reflection of a large number of earthquakes along the northern extension of the Imperial Fault whose magnitudes were between 4.0 and 5.0. In contrast, the level of activity near the southern extension of the Whitewolf-Kern Canyon Fault is relatively lower than would be expected from comparison with their study. Allen, et al. (1965) point out that the smain

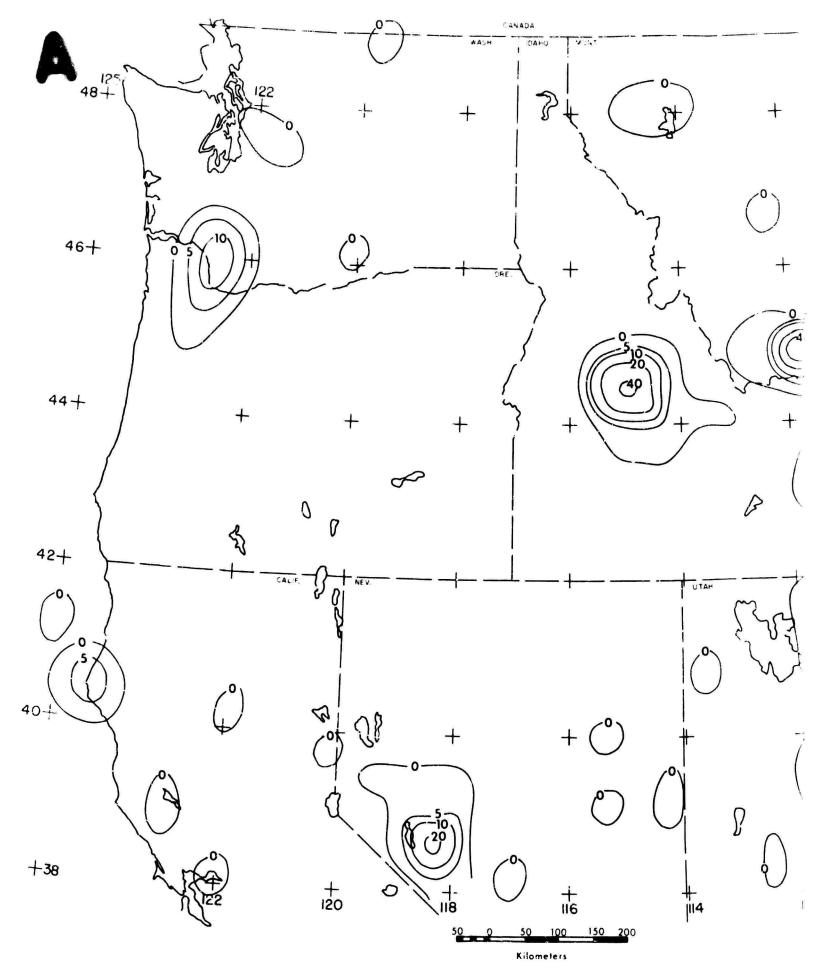


Figure 13. Tectonic Flux for Region 2 During 1963-64.

Figure 13. Tectonic Flux for Region 2 During 1963-64.

release pattern in southern California is a result of the occurrence of large earthquakes and is not significantly altered by smaller events. In view of this, and considering the frequencymagnitude relationship, contrasts in the level of activity in any area may be expected when only a small sample of data is considered.

The areas of high activity centered at about 37°N-122°W and at 41°N-124°W, (Figures 12 and 13), correlate well with areas of continued high activity from 1956 through 1960 (Niazi, 1964). This close yearly correlation suggests continuous earthquake activity in these two areas for a long period of time.

In contrast to this suggested continuous activity, the area of high tectonic flux in southwestern Nevada (see Figures 12 and 13) reflects apparent intermittent earthquake occurrences. Niazi (1964) found similar activity in this area due to a series of shocks which occurred within a 40 day period following January 18, 1959. The high tectonic flux shown on Figures 12 and 13 is primarily due to a series of events which occurred during the 36 day period following a magnitude 5.0 event in October 23, 1964, although a series of quakes, mostly having magnitudes less than 4.0, occurred in this area during the 10 day period following March 14, 1964.

Outside of California and western Nevada detailed strain release patterns have not been developed previously. Accordingly, comparisons similar to those which were made in the preceding paragraphs are not possible. However, several observations may be made.

The high tectonic flux displayed on Figure 13 along the Oregon-Washington border, in central Idaho, and southwestern Montana, and on Figure 14 along the Kansas-Nebraska border reflects transient seismic activity. The Oregon-Washington high is somewhat south of the active Puget Sound earthquake region. The southwestern Montana high is similarly south of the more active west-central Montana region, while the central Idaho and Kansas-Nebraska highs are centered in areas which show a history only minor seismic activity (Heck and Eppley, 1958).

Elsewhere, minor activity is displayed along the TexasLouisiana border and in southeast Missouri. The former is significant for the absence of historical activity in this area
(Heck and Eppley, 1958). The tectonic flux displayed here is
due to four earthquakes on April 24, and April 28, 1964. The
largest event, having a magnitude of 4.4, occurred on April 28.
The southeast Missouri activity is centered in a well known
seismic region. Other activity in the eastern United States is
due to isolated single earthquakes along the Appalachian Mountains.

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Figure 14. Tectonic Flux for Region 3 During 1933-64.

Figure 14. Tectonic Flux for Region 3 During 1963-64.

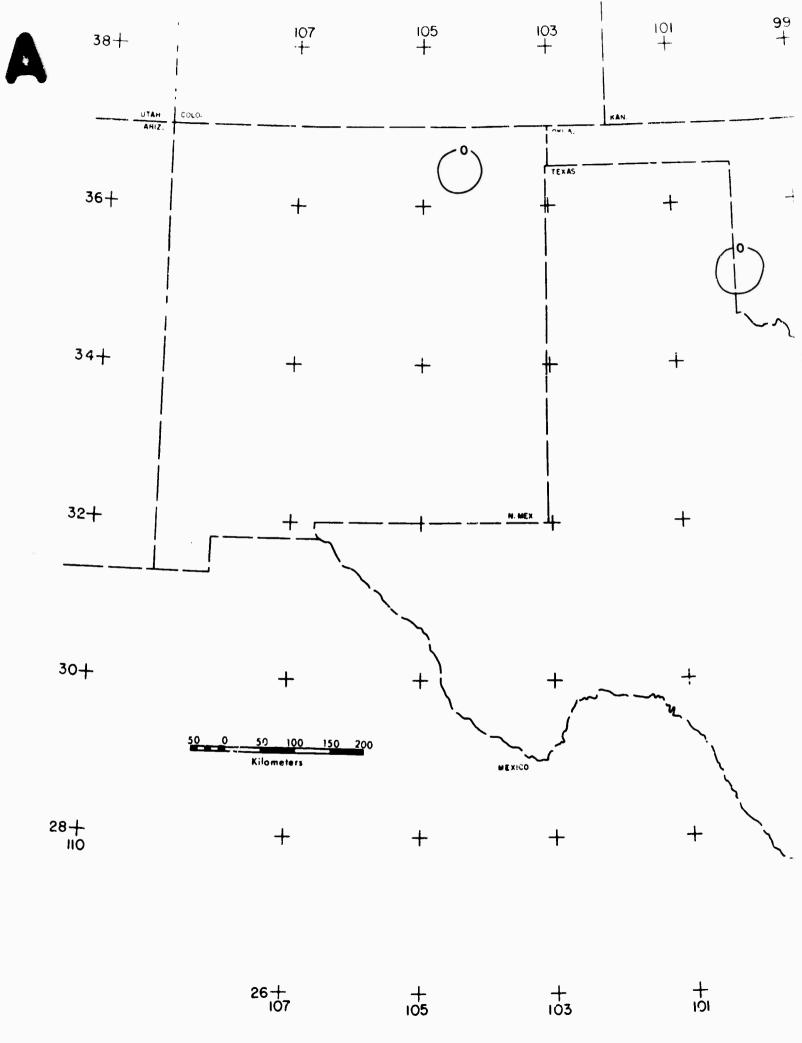


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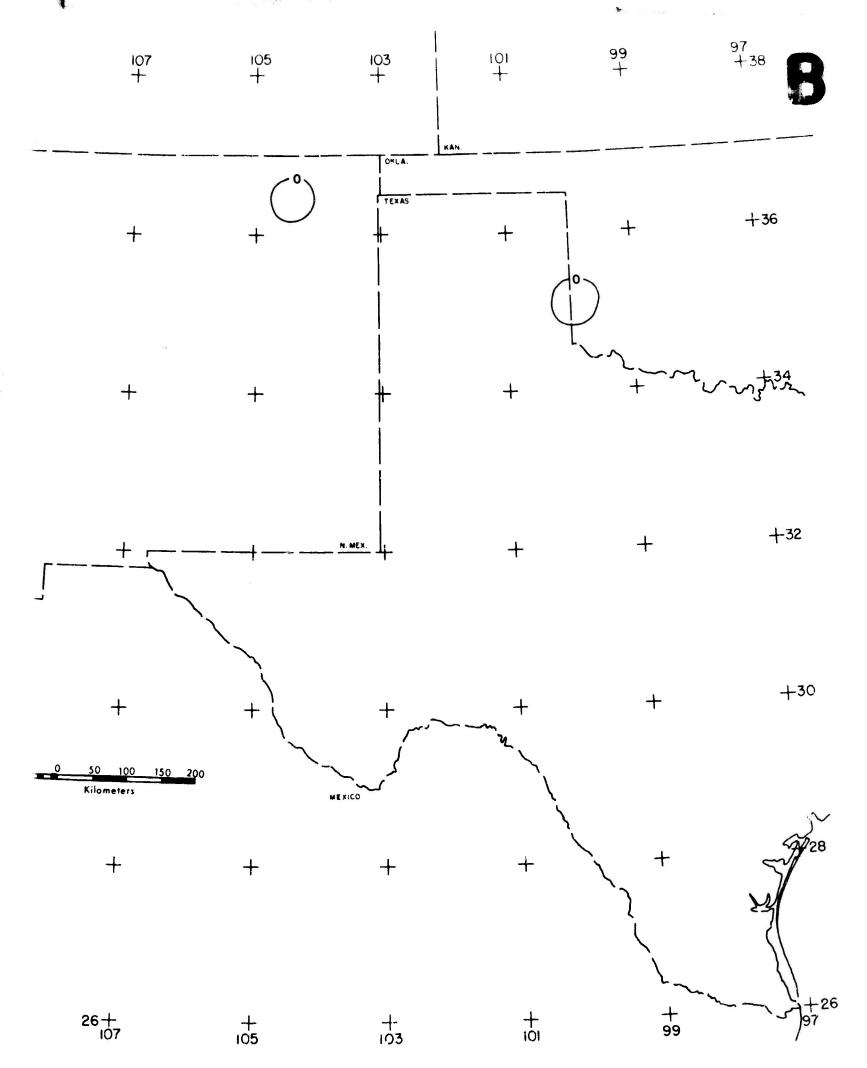


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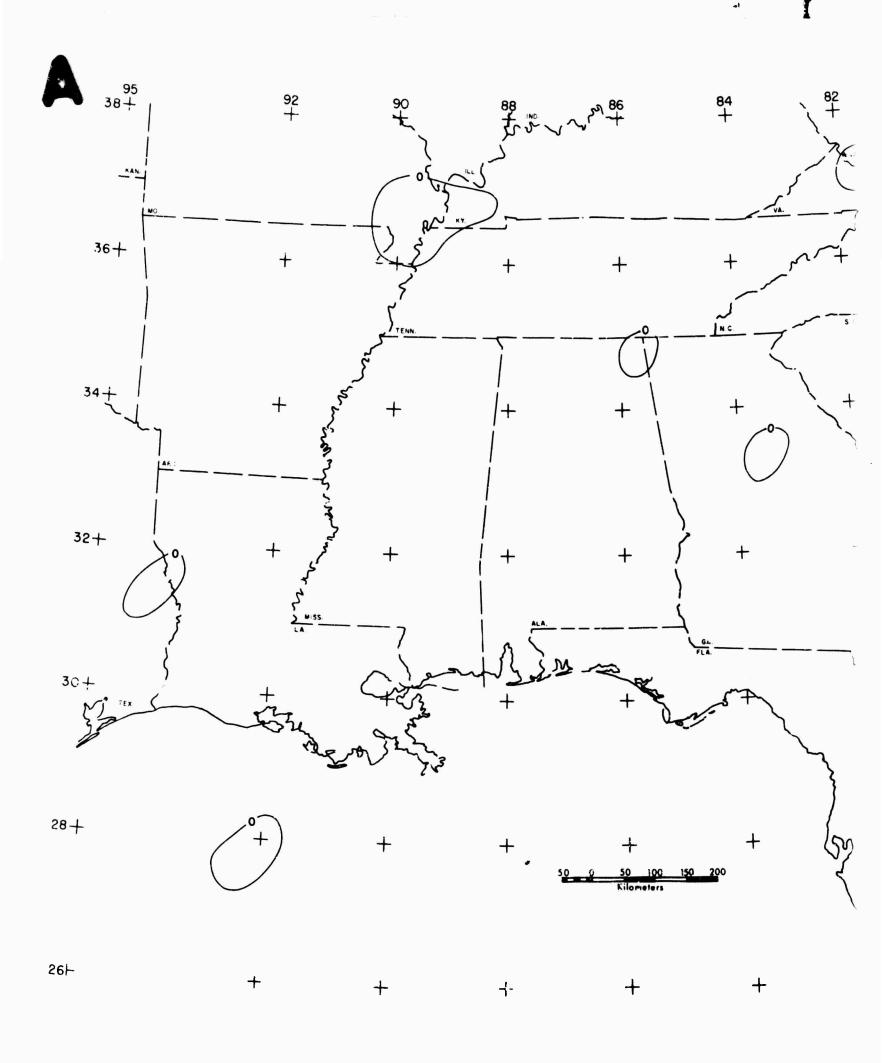


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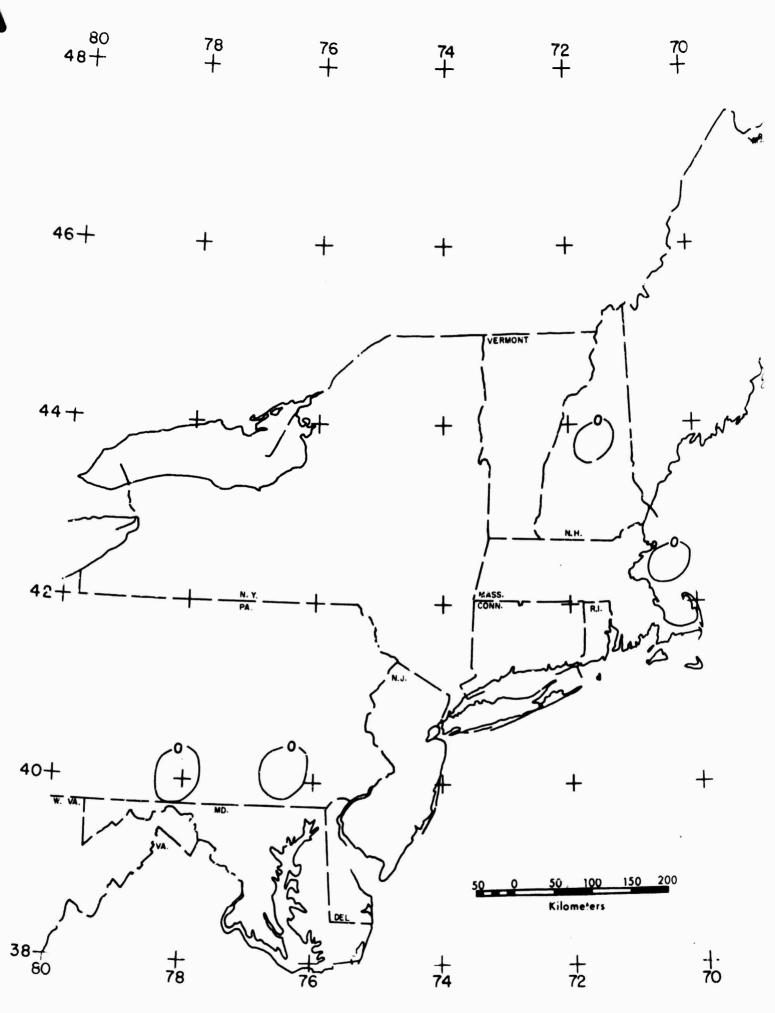


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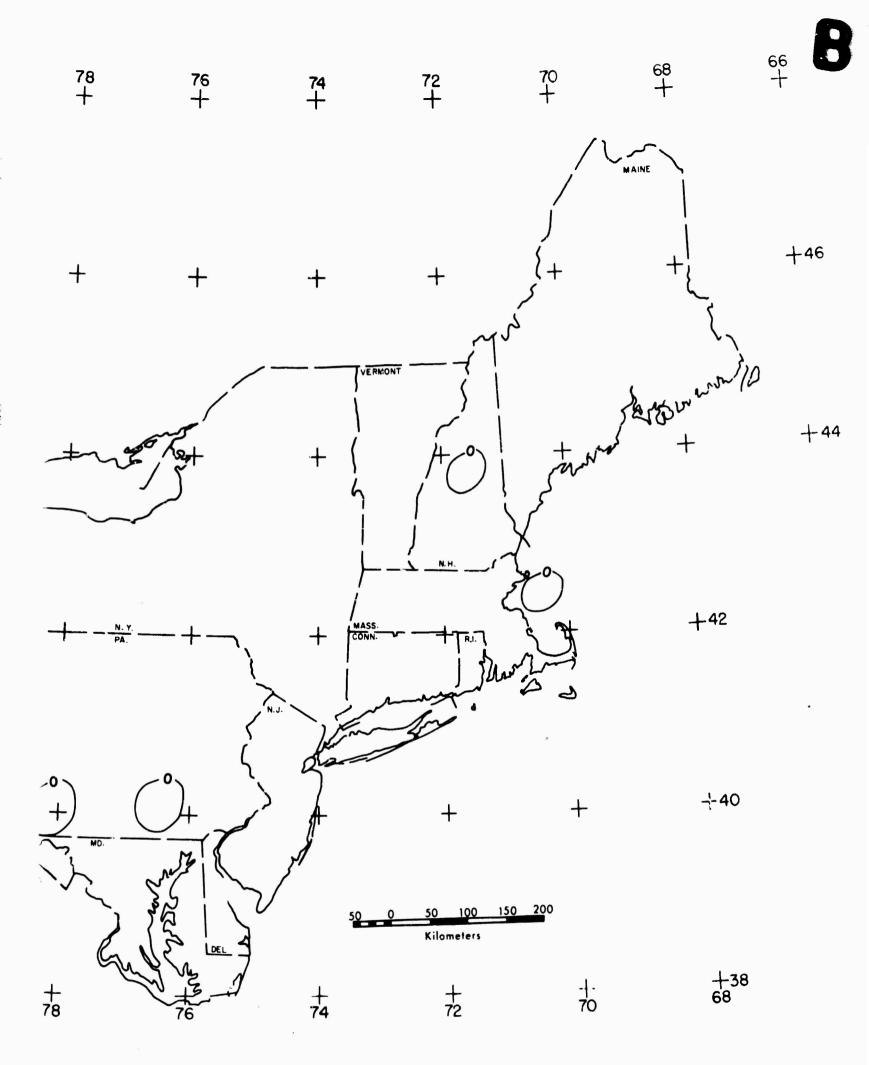


Figure 17. Tectonic Flux for Region 7 During 1963-64.

### 6. Conclusions

The Coast and Geodetic Survey reported 691 earthquakes in the conterminous United States during 1963-64. Of this total, 90% had epicenters in the western states west of the eastern edge of the Rocky Mountains.

In terms of numbers of earthquakes, the western mountain region displays the greatest activity with the Pacific coast showing relatively fewer earthquakes. However, it is suggested that this is due to incomplete reports of earthquake activity along the Pacific coast during the period covered by the report. East of the Rocky Mountain front the only area of significant activity is the well known seismic area of southeast Missouri.

Depths are often restrained in the hypocenter computation to conform with historical data. Accordingly, the earthquakes reported here do not permit conclusions regarding focal depth. It is observed, however, that all of the earthquakes included in the study probably have focal depths within the earth's crust.

If it is assumed that the slope of the recurrence curves has tectonic implications, the northern California and the eastern Basin and Range show equal rates of strain release by low magnitude earthquakes. Conversely, southern California shows a relatively greater rate of strain release by larger magnitude earthquakes.

The seismic activity shows grouping in both time and space.

The degree to which this reflects secular seismic patterns cannot be established from the data of this report alone.

CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF EARTHQUAKES IN THE CONTERMINOUS UNITED STATES DURING 1963-64 WHICH WERE REPORTED ON P.D.E. CARDS

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### PART II

#### NETWORK CAPABILITY

# 1. Introduction

ability of the network of United States seismograph stations to record earthquakes in the conterminous United States. The basic information required to accomplish this evaluation is: the geographic distribution of recording stations; the measured or assumed noise distribution at each site; the variation of signal amplitude with distance; the signal to noise ratio required for signal detection; and a representative sample of epicenters with specified magnitudes or ranges of magnitudes.

From this information the capability of individual stations to record the sample of events is computed using probability theory. With the minimum number of stations required for epicenter location specified, the network capability is established from the combined station probabilities at various levels of probability. The minimum number of stations is taken to be five in conformity with the requirements of the Coast and Geodetic Survey's hypocenter program. A further evaluation, related to the accuracy of epicenter determination, is accomplished by establishing a measure of the azimuthal distribution of the predicted recording stations about the epicenter. Finally,

which were reported on the Coast and Geodetic Survey P.D.E. cards during 1963, are used both to evaluate reporting procedures and the reliability of input parameters.

A statistical treatment of the network evaluation problem has bee exported by latter, et al (1961). Their treatment differs from that of this report in two significant ways.

Firs' by assumed a uniform distribution of background noise for all recording sites: second they investigated the twork requirements for recording seismic events of a given location and energy yield. In this report the capability of an established network of seismograph stations is evaluated. The background noise is treated as a function of the recording site.

## 2. Station Distribution and Instrumentation

The geographic distribution of seismograph stations in the conterminous United States is shown in Figure 18. Each station is represented by a symbol indicating the network to which it belongs. For the purpose of this study the composite of all stations shown on Figure 18 is referred to as the United States network of seismograph stations.

The Coast and Geodetic Survey maintains, entirely or on a cooperative basis, only 18 widely separated seismograph stations in the conterminous United States. The remainder are maintained by several universities and other groups as indicated on Figure 18. Generally, these networks have grown out of interest

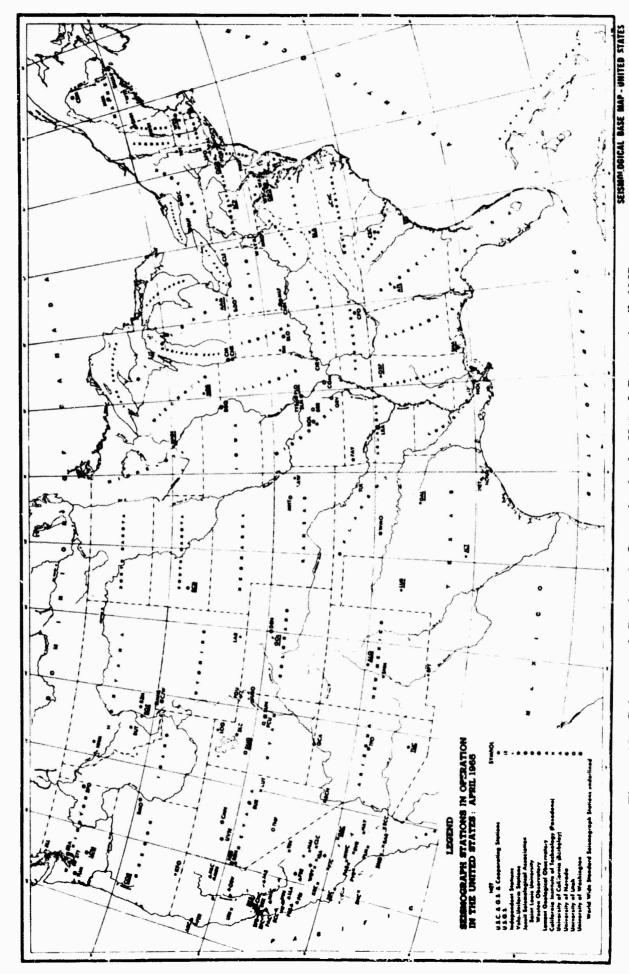


Figure 18. Seismograph Stations in Operation in the United States April, 1965.

in particular regions. As a result, rather dense station networks exist in the California area, the Yellowstone Park area,
the southeast Missouri area, and the southern New York area,
while other areas remain incompletely covered. With the exception of California, which has the most dense network of
stations, no attempt has been made to provide systematic coverage
of a region.

This condition has been somewhat corrected with the installation of the World Wide Network of Standard Seismograph Stations which was begun in 1961. At this date, 25 WWNSS stations are operational at widely separated sites in the conterminous United States providing greatly increased station coverage. The five widely spaced array observatories (see Figure 18) provide excellent additional control.

A majority of the stations in the United States are now equipped with short period seismometers which are capable of being operated at high gains. The 25 WWNSS stations are equipped with three component sets of short period Benioff and long period Sprengnether seismometers. All of these tations have accurate and uniform time control. Other stations are equipped with either the large short period or the portable short period Benioff seismometers. A variety of instruments are in use at

the remaining stations. There is less uniformity in the long period instrumentation among those stations which are not a part of the WWNSS, and many of them are not equipped with long period instruments. This, however, is of no consequence in the present study. The instruments in use at each station, except the array stations, are listed in Appendix I.

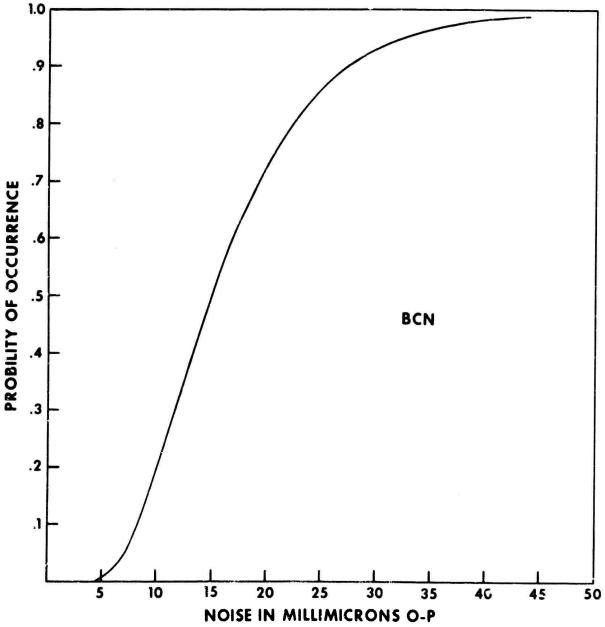


Figure 19. Probability of Noise Occurring at or Less than a Given Amplitude at Boulder City, Nevada.

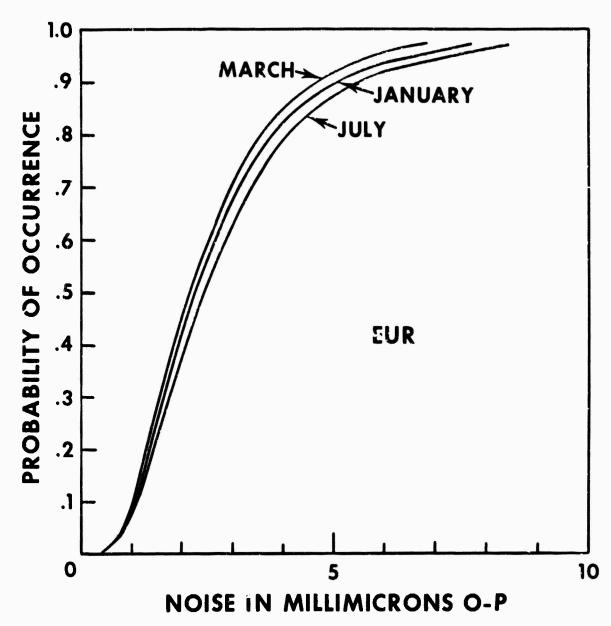


Figure 20. Probability of Noise Occurring at or Less than a Given Amplitude at Eureka, Nevada.

# 3. Station Noise Distribution

At most sites it is the background noise that limits the maximum sensitivity at which the instruments can be operated. Consequently, an evaluation of the network detection capability requires specification of the interfering noise process. Seismic noise, which may be defined as any ground motion that is

not caused by an earthquake or an explosion, has received considerable attention in recent literature. A review of the subject is given by Iyer (1964) with references to the literature.

Seismic noise may be characterized as a composite "ambient microseismic noise, transient and continuous local cultural noise, random local wind noise, and instrumental noise. Ambient microseismic noise can be correlated to some degree with physiographic province, gross and local geology, and distance from the ocean or other large bodies of water. Random local contributions, however, are the dominant noise sources at most locations in the frequency band of interest in this study. As a result, the background noise varies radically over

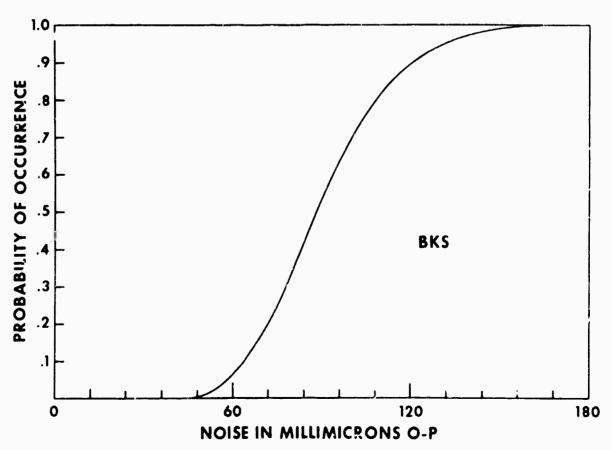


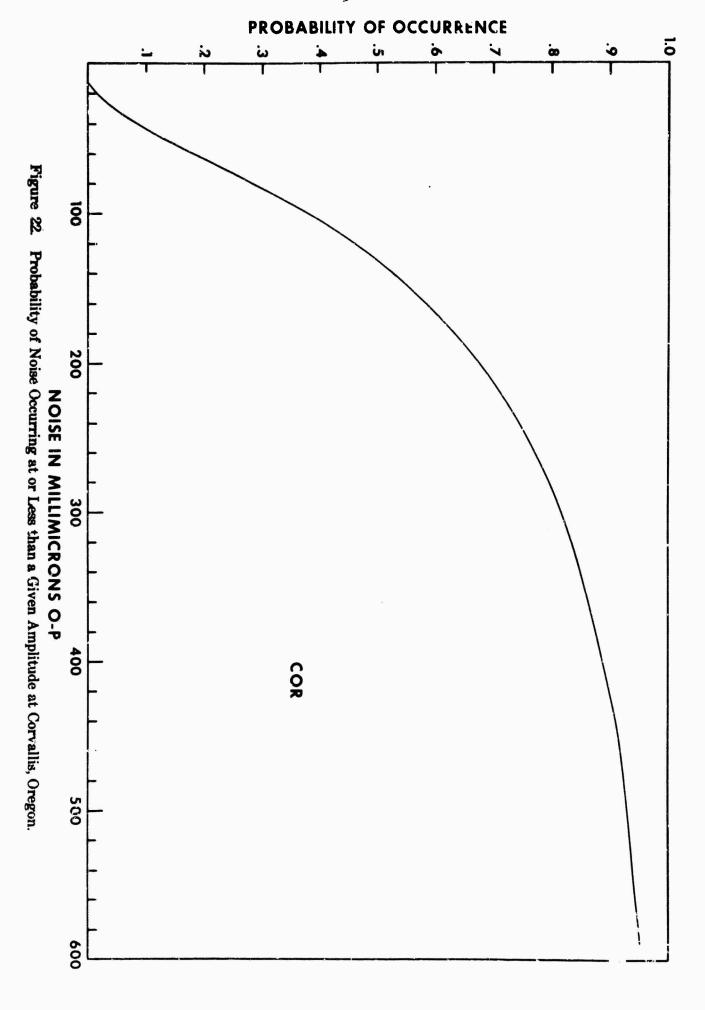
Figure 21. Probability of Noise Occurring at or Less than a Given Amplitude at Berkeley, California (WWNSS).

short distances. Accordingly, a reliable statistical study of background noise requires sampling at each site over a sustained period of time.

For the present study we are concerned with the long-term amplitude distribution of the background noise in the frequency band 0.6 cps to 2.0 cps. The method of sampling consists of measuring the maximum amplitude in this frequency band twice daily for periods representing the four seasons of the year. The resulting sample is used to compute the probability distribution of the background noise amplitude. Obtaining a sufficient background noise sample at all of the stations used in this study is a time consuming task. Hence, use has been made of published noise studies (Hair and Funk, 1964; Guyton and Alsup, 1963) which were performed in a manner similar to that described above.

The probability distribution of the background noise at 12 sites representing different physiographic and geologic provinces is shown in Figures 19 to 30. Figures 20, 24 and 25 show seasonal variations of the background noise at three stations.

Figure 31 is a display of the generalized average background noise at one cycle per second in the conterminous United States. It is taken from the work of Guyton and Alsup (1953)



with modifications according to the data of Hair and Funk (1964), and the data of this report.

The method of maximum satisfactory operational magnification described by Guyton and Alsup (1963) is used to establish the average background noise level at 70% of the stations. It is assumed that the maximum tolerable trace displacement due to background noise is 1.5 mm. Amplitudes greater than 1.5 mm will generally result in overlapping of the traces. The station

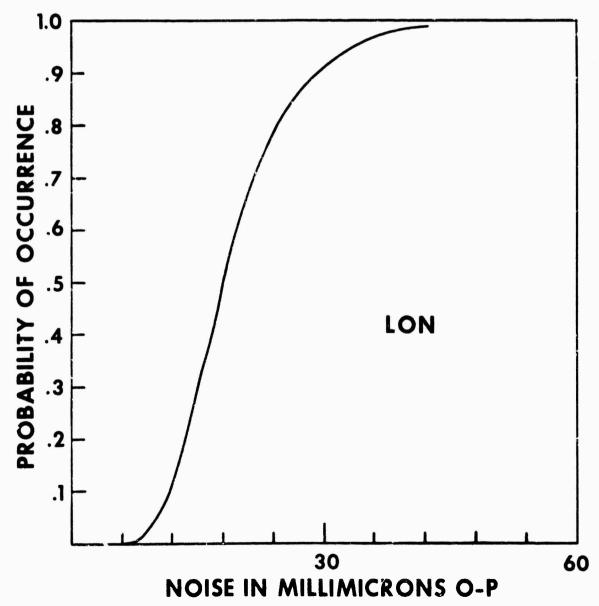


Figure 23. Probability of Noise Occurring at or Less than a Given Amplitude at Longmire, Washington.

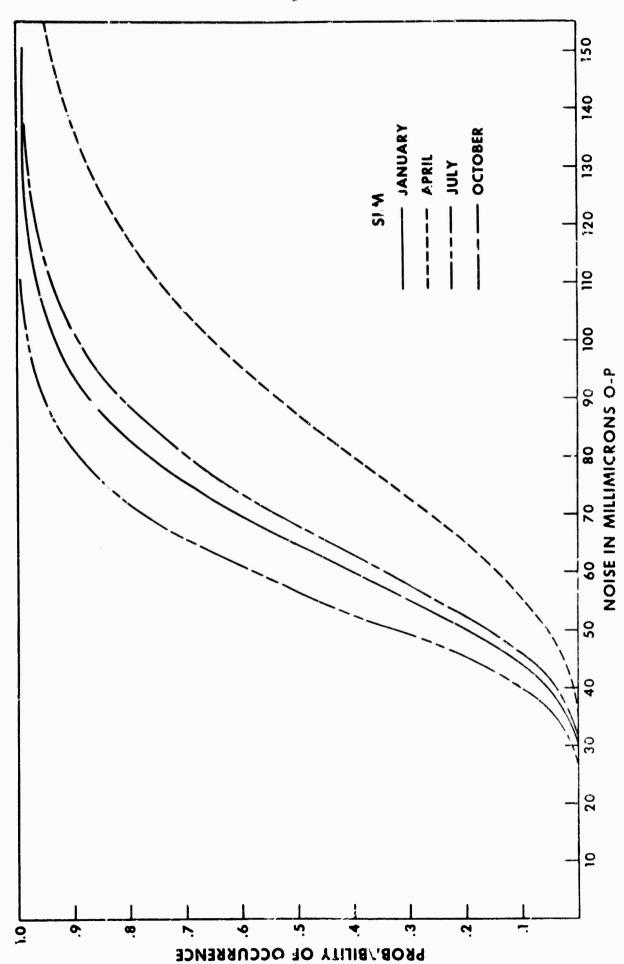


Figure 24. Probability of Noise Occurring at or Less than a Given Amplitude at St. Louis, Missouri.

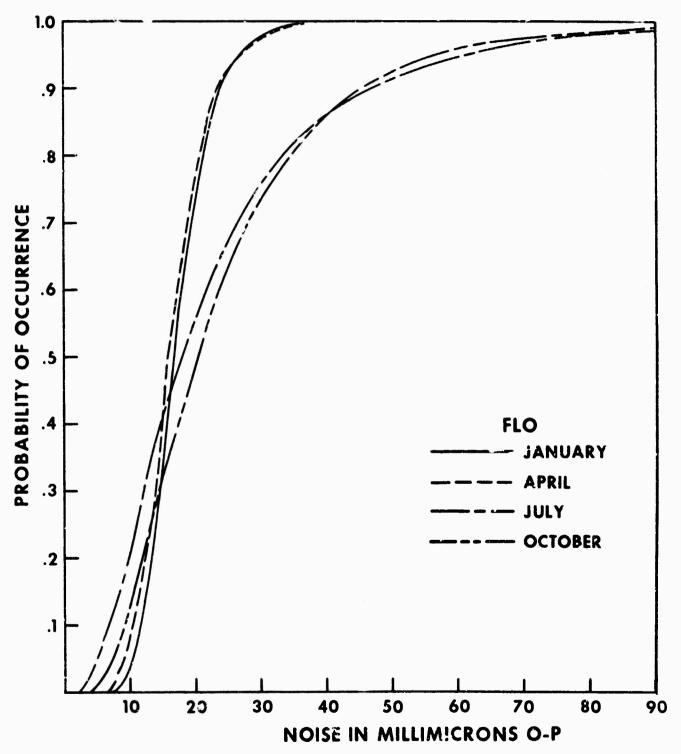


Figure 25. Probability of Noise Occurring at or Less than a Given Amplitude at Florissant, Missouri.

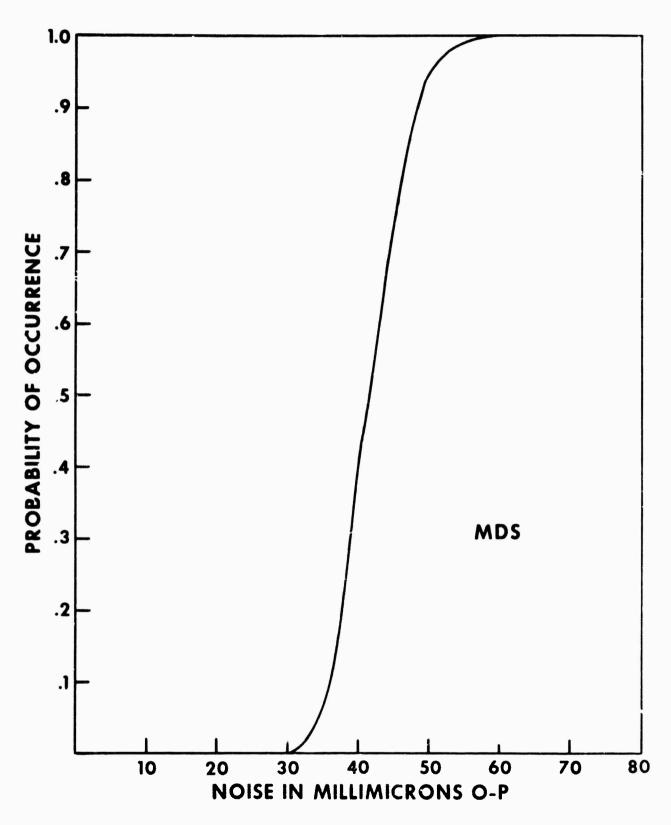
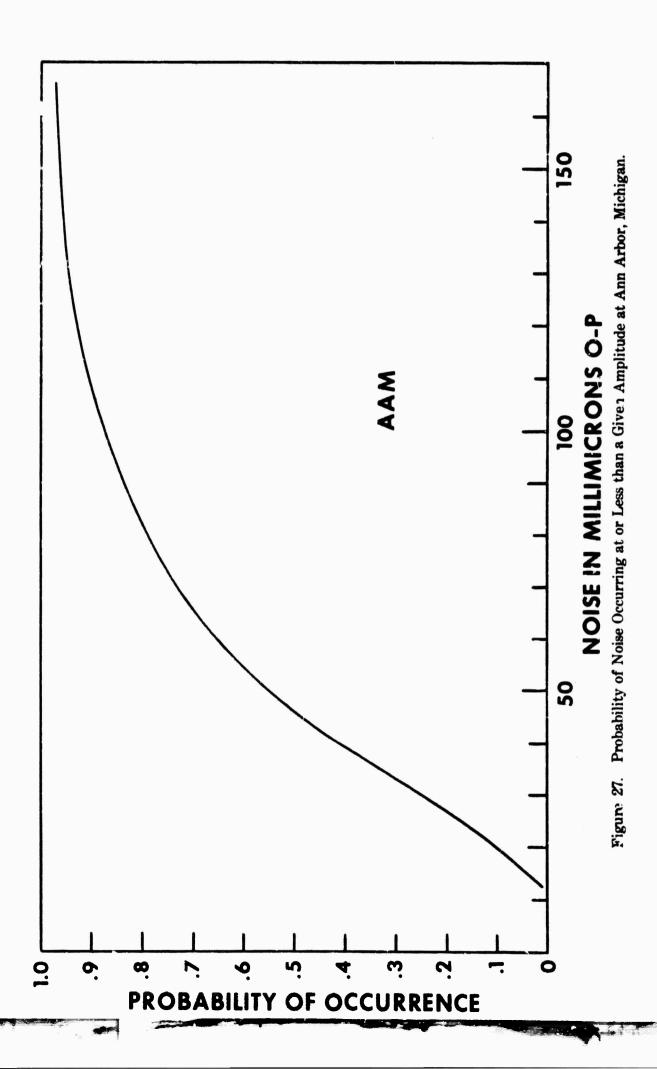


Figure 26. Probability of Noise Occurring at or Less than a Given Amplitude at Madison, Wisconsin.



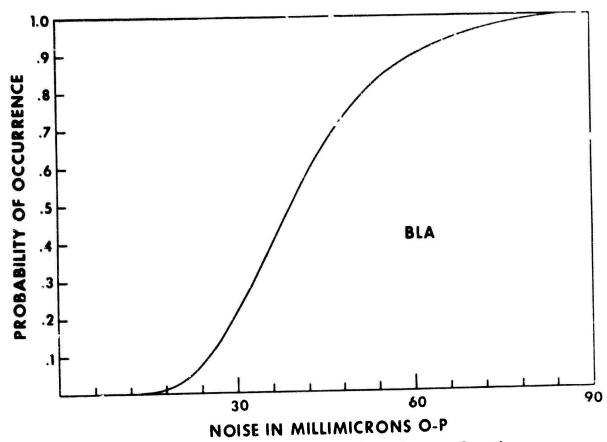


Figure 28. Probability of Noise Occurring at or Less than a Given Amplitude at Blacksburg, Virginia.

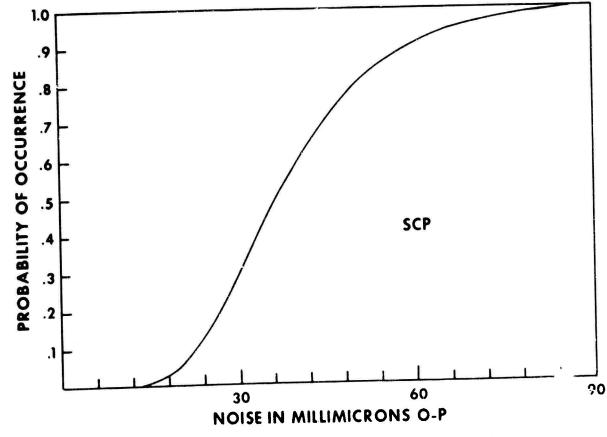


Figure 29. Probability of Noise Occurring at or Les than a Given Amplitude at State College, Per asylvania.

magnification at 1 cps is then used to determine the ground motion which produces a trace amplitude of 1.5 mm. This value is taken to be the average background noise of the station in the frequency band of interest in this study. For statistical treatment of the data, it is assumed that the background noise at these sites has the same probability distribution as nearby sites at which measurements were rade.

# 4. Signal to Noise Ratio and Regional Variation of Signal Amplitude

In order to determine network capability a criterian relating the minimum detectable signal to the background noise must be used. In visual analysis, seismic signals are recog-

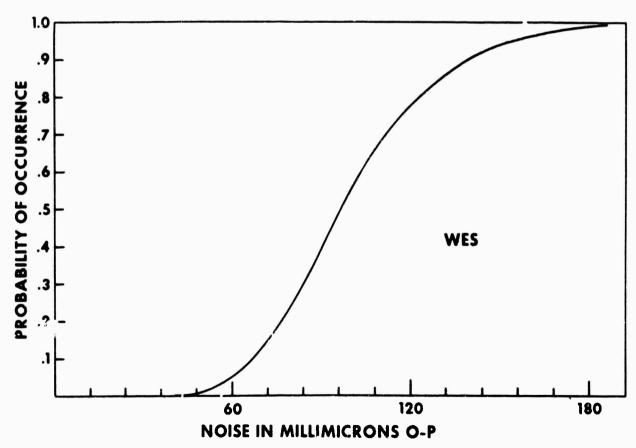
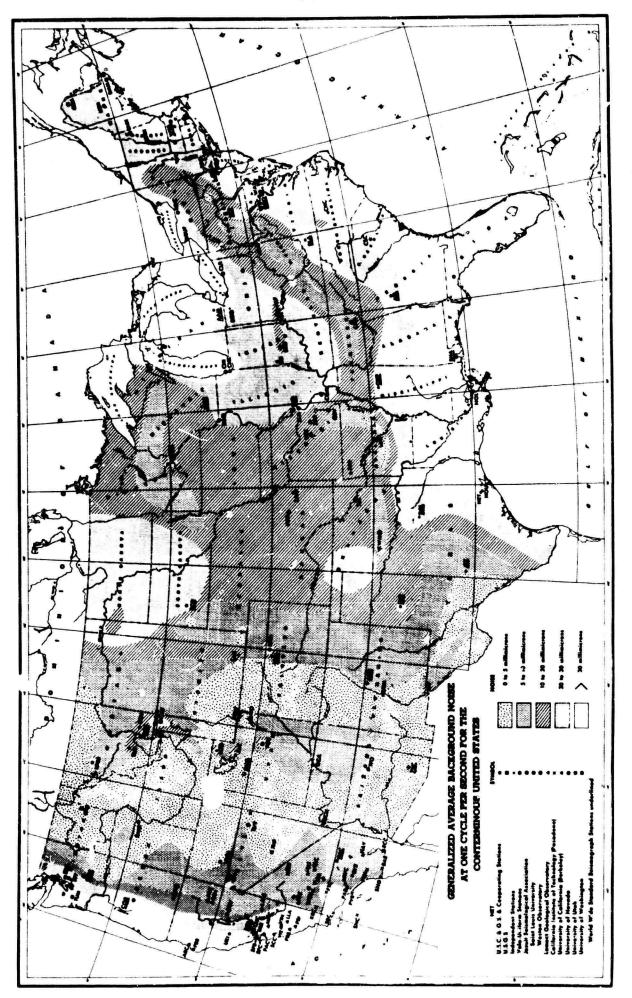


Figure 30. Probability of Noise Occurring at or Less than a Given Amplitude at Weston, Massachusetts.



Generalized Average Background Noise at One Cycle per Second for the Conterminous United States. (After Geo. Tech. monthly report 33 AFTAC Project No. VT/1139) Figure 31.

nized in background noise by differences in frequency and/or amplitude. It is clear that signals can be visually detected in noise which is outside of the frequency band of interest, even when their amplitude is less than that of the noise.

Of particular interest, then, is the minimum signal to noise rat'o (s/n) for visual detection of a signal in background no with frequency near that of the signal.

The recent research of McCoy (1964) has direct bearing on this topic. He investigated the detectability of a sinusoidal signal in the presence of band limited random noise with a gaussian amplitude distribution. The variable parameters were: the bandwidth of the noise, the signal to noise ratio, and the signal duration. It was noted that both the bandwidth of the noise and the duration of the signal influence the detectability of the signal for s/n constant. For both s/n and signal duration constant, visual detectability increases as the bandwidth of the noise is increased. For both s/n and noise bandwidth constant, visual detectability increases with increase in signal duration. For a uniform noise spectrum and a signal duration of three cycles or greater, a sinusoidal signal was found to be visually detectable independent of the actual noise bandwidth for s/n = 2. These findings remain to be tested for complex seismic wave forms in background noise with spectral and amplitude distribution of actual seismic

noise. However, McCoy (1965) suggests that s/n = 2 will allow visual detection of seismic signals in most actual cases. Accordingly, this value has been taken as the threshold s/n for this study.

A complete network evaluation must take into consideration the regional variation of signal amplitude. For the geologic and physiographic conditions which combine to reduce the background noise also reduce the signal amplitude in the same frequency band. Guyton (1963) in studying signal amplitudes from 130 earthquakes recorded by 27 standardized seismographs in the United States, found that the signal amplitude normalized for distance varied by a factor of five. Furthermore, he found that these variations in amplitude could be correlated with differences in regional and local replogy. At the same sites, the background noise varied by a factor of 12, while s/n varied by a factor of six.

These findings support the suggestion of Carpenter (1964) that maximum s/n and not minimum noise may be the best measure of site efficiency. Accordingly, for the purpose of evaluating the network detection capability, s/n is considered to be the most accurate measure of station detection capability. With this in mind, s/n has been effectively made a variable which is a function of the recording site. This is accomplished by applying station corrections based on Guyton's results according

to the geologic province in which the station is located.

Corrections of this type clearly do not account for the influence of local geol gical conditions on signal reception.

However, they provide a more accurate assessment of the network detection capability than could be gained by considering variation of background noise alone.

## 5. Network Detection Capability

Although computer determinations of earthquake epicenters allow large quantities of input data to be rapidly processed, careful and complete reading of seismograms remains a time-consuming task. Therefore, for rapid reporting of epicenters, it is desirable to keep the number of reporting stations to the minimum required to accomplish the level of earthquake recording needed for seismicity studies. A complete evaluation of the network detection capability then requires an appraisal of the individual station capability and its contribution to the network detection capability as well as an evaluation of the detection capability of the network as a whole.

#### 5.1 Computational Procedure

The method of evaluating network capability employed for this study has been described by Booker (1964). This statistical approach depends on considering the recording of seismic events by a large number of stations as independent events. The primary input information is the number and location of stations, the mean and standard deviation of the noise amplitude. the attenuation of signal amplitude with distance, and a representative sample of epicenters with assigned magnitudes or ranges of magnitudes. The probability of detecting an event at a single station is equivalent to the probability of the noise amplitude occurring at or less than the quotient of the computed signal amplitude and the s/n. The combined event station probabilities provide the event network probability.

#### 5.1.1 Amplitude versus Distance

Amulitude calculations are in terms of the body wave magnitude adopted by the Coast and Geodetic Survey. For each event the magnitude (mb) is specified. The signal amplitude at one cps for each station, is computed from the relation

$$m_b = \log A + f(\Delta)$$

where  $f(\Delta)$  represents the signal attenuation as a function of distance. For distances to 10 degrees the signal amplitude is attenuated according to the inverse cube of the distance. For distances of 16 degrees or greater  $f(\Delta)$  is based on Gutenberg and Richter (1956) Q values for P-waves from shallow focus earthquakes. The inverse cube value at 10 degrees is scaled to join the Gutenberg-Richter values at 16 degrees, to provide an amplitude attenuation function over the entire range of distances.

An apparent discontinuity in the curve at 10 degrees results from the scaling procedure. This does not alter the final results, however, as the error due to the discontinuity is less than the smallest increment of magnitude considered in the analysis.

#### 5.1.2 Detection Threshold

An array of events consisting of 258 epicenters distributed at two degree intervals over the conterminous United States is used to determine the detection capability of each station of the entire United States station network. At each epicenter the magnitude is allowed to range from 3.0 to 4.5 in increments of one-tenth units of magnitude. The distance, amplitude, and probability of detection are computed for each station of the network for each event of the array. A station is considered to record an event when the probability of detection is equal to or greater than 0.5. The 0.5 probability is called the "station threshold probability," and the event magnitude which produces it is called the "station threshold magnitude," for the corresponding epicentral distance. In many instances the station threshold magnitude is greater than 4.5 for a given epicenter location. When this occurs it is obtained by specifying the signal amplitude required to produce the

magnitude required to produce this amplitude is computed. This procedure results in a continuous threshold magnitude as a function of distance for each station. The resulting curves are displayed in Appendix II.

The network is said to record an event when at least five stations (the number required for location by Coast and Geodetic Survey) reach the threshold probability. The magnitude which produces this condition is called the "network threshold magnitude," for the epicenter location. It is clear that the network detection probability may exceed 0.5 for this event.

#### 5.2 Station Detection Capability

The individual station detection capabil y is evaluated by two methods. The first method is to compare the average station threshold magnitudes for the set of events representing the entire United States and for subsets of events representing areas of known high seismicity. Subsets of events have been selected to represent southern California, northern California, the eastern Basin and Range, and southeast Missouri. The results are summarized in Table 2. The second method is to plot the station threshold magnitude versus distance. The result g curves are displayed in Appendix II.

The data of Table 2 provide a basis for grouping stations according to their expected contribution to the total network capability. Subsets of events provide information on station performance only in limited areas and, consequently, over a narrow range of distances. Accordingly, the average station threshold magnitude for the set of events which represents the entire United States is considered to provide the best basis of comparison.

Stations which have an average threshold magnitude of 4.20, or less, are grouped as high performance stations. These have threshold magnitudes at or below the lowest magnitude above which all earthquakes in the conterminous United States will be detected. They, accordingly, contribute substantial control governing the network capability over much of the United States, especially in areas of low station density. Seven of the 51 stations which regularly report for P.D.E. (shown by an asterisk in Table 2) satisfy this requirement. One additional station which does not presently report regularly for P.D.E. (Unionville, Nevada, UVN) also falls within this group. Thus, only eight stations of the total United States network may be expected to provide network control essentially anywhere in the conterminous United States. All have peak magnifications in excess of 400,000.

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Stations which have an average threshold magnitude, between 4.20 and 4.50, are grouped as average performance. These stations govern the network performance locally and regionally. They may be expected to contribute little to the total network performance for events at near regional distances (600 km to 1300 km) and beyond the limits of the regional zone. Ten stations which report regularly for P.D.E. fall within this group. Two additional stations which do not regularly report for P.D.E.... Socorro, New Mexico, and Tonopah, Nevada-may be classified within this group. These stations have peak magnification in excess of 200,000.

Stations which have an average threshold magnitude greater than 4.5 are considered low performance. They provide only local control governing the network capability. This group includes roughly 80% of all of the stations in the United States.

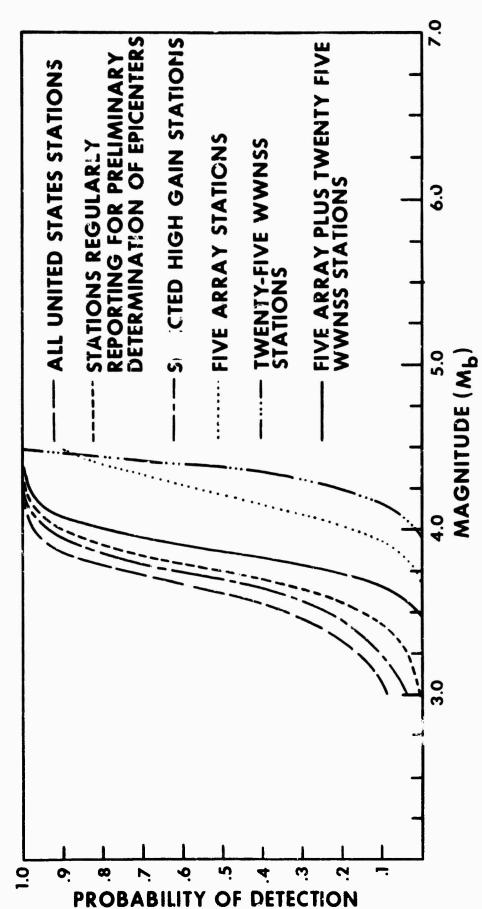
The above groupings provide a relative measure of the station contribution to the network performance for the entire United States. Consideration of the average station threshold magnitude for subsets of events reveals that low performance stations often contribute critical control in limited areas. The divisions between groups should not be considered perfectly rigid. Furthermore, the performance of stations varies within the limits of each group.

A more complete moderstanding of the expected station performance may be raised from consideration of the threshold magnitude versus dis ance curves of Appendix II. In the construction of these surves azimuthal effects on signal attenuation are not considered. Attenuation is assumed to be only a function of distance and corrections are applied for anomalous signal reception due to regional geological effects in the area of the station by means of the variable s/n.

#### 5.3 Network Probability versus Magnitude

Network detection capability is conveniently displayed by curves relating the probability that a given magnitude of an array of events will be detected. In addition, such curves provide a means of comparing the capability of different sets of stations. The results for the array of events representing the entire United States are displayed in Figure 32 and are summarized in Table 3.

The set of all United States stations, the set of stations regularly reporting for P.D.E., the set of selected high gain stations, and the set of five array plus twenty-five WWNSS stations show comparable detection capability at the 100% probability level. Each of the sets of stations may be expected to detect essentially all events above  $m_b=4.2$  in the conterminous United States. As magnitude decreases, however, the set of all United States stations shows increasingly better relative detection capability. The average network threshold



Average Network Detection Probability Versus Magnitude for the Set of Events Representing the Entire Conterminous United States. Figure 32.

TABLE 3
PERCENT OF EVENTS OF THE UNITED STATES GRID EXPECTED TO
BE RECORDED BY AT LEAST FIVE STATIONS
OF INDICATED SETS OF STATIONS

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Five Array Stations (Percent)	00000000000000000000000000000000000000
Selected Stations (Percent)	10000000000000000000000000000000000000
Stations Reporting for PDE (Percent)	10000000000000000000000000000000000000
All United States Stations (Percent)	1109886438199001 100988643457 10000 10000 10000 10000
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magnitude ranges from 3.61 for the set of all United States stations to 3.88 for the subset of five array plus 25 JWNSS stations. Divergence continues with decreasing magnitude.

The twenty-five WWNSS stations have the highest average network threshold magnitude (4.38) of the five subsets of stations considered. The probability of detection, however, increases rapidly with increasing magnitude and a 100% probability of detection is predicted for events of magnitude 4.5. Conversely, the subset of five array stations has an average network threshold of 4.23, but is predicted to detect only 89.7% of magnitude 4.5 earthquakes. The results illustrate that station density becomes increasingly important in determining the network capability as the magnitude decreases, provided the high performance stations are included in each station set. However, since the stations have variable detection capabilities, an increase in station density does not necessarily result in a corresponding increase in network detection capability.

In order to obtain a more complete evaluation of the network detection capability in limited areas of known high seismicity, subsets of events representative of southern California, northern California, the eastern Basin and Range, and southeast Missouri have been evaluated. The results are displayed on Figures 33 to 36 and summarized in Tables 4 to 7. In all of the four areas the set of all United States stations has the

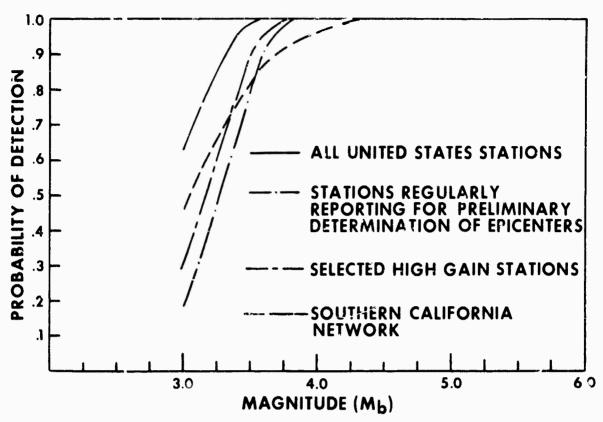


Figure 33. Average Network Detection Probability Versus

Magnitude for the Subset of Events Representing

Southern California.

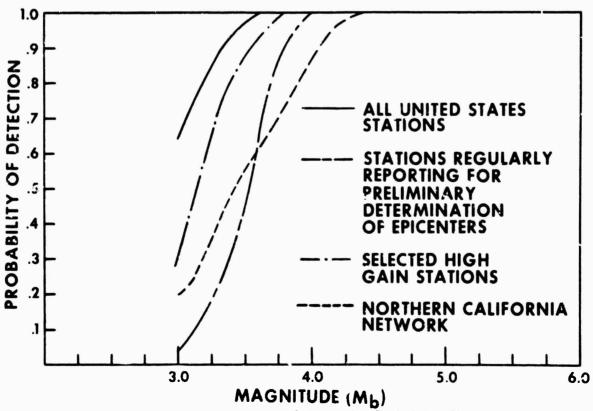


Figure 34. Average Network Detection Probability Versus
Magnitude for the Subset of Event's Representing
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TABLE 4	PLINCENT OF EVENTS OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GRID	TYPECTED TO BE RECORDED BY AT LEAST FIVE STATIONS OF	INDICATED SETS OF STATIONS
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Selected Static (Percent)	83.000 6.0000 6.00
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Southern California Stations (Percent)	34005-888888888 6465040404588
All United States Stations (Percent)	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00
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TABLE 5
PERCENT OF EVENTS OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GRID
EXPECTED TO BE RECORDED BY AT LEAST FIVE STATIONS OF
INDICATED SETS OF STATIONS

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Selected Stations (Fercent)	100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100
Stations Reporting for PDE (Percent)	198655 1001 1004 1005 1005 1005 1005 1005 10
Northern California Stations (Percent)	1987 1987 1987 1987 1987 1987 1987 1987
All United States Stations (Percent)	64.3 73.2 80.4 87.0 91.8 97.9
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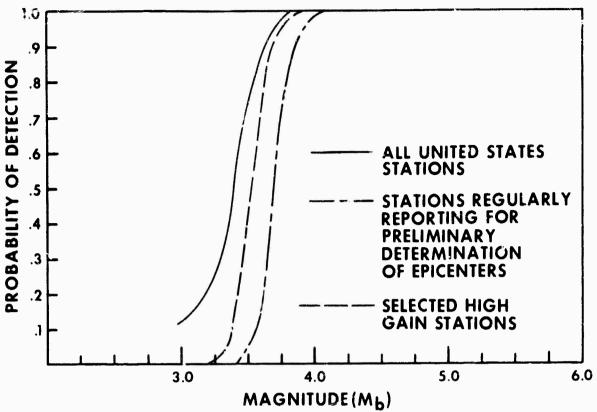


Figure 35. Average Network Detection Probability Versus
Magnitude for the Subset of Events Representing
the Eastern Basin and Range.

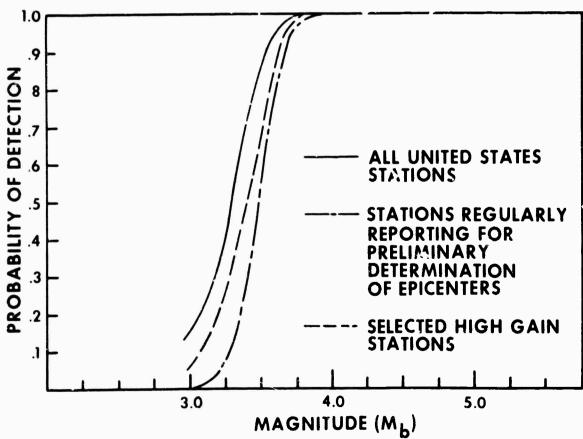


Figure 36. Average Network Detection Probability Versus
Magnitude for the Subset of Events Representing
Southeast Missouri.

PERCENT OF EVENTS OF THE EASTERN BASIN AND RANGE GRID EXPECTED TO BE RECORDED BY AT LEAST	
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Selected Stations (Percent)	13.6 21.3 32.1 47.8 67.8 85.7 100.0
Stations Reporting for PDE (Percent)	0.000000000000000000000000000000000000
Total United States Stations (Percent)	16.4 34.5 34.8 70.7 86.0 94.5 100.0
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lowest average network threshold magnitude. In both southern and northern California, this magnitude is well below the lowest magnitude ( $m_b = 3.0$ ) considered in the analysis, while in the eastern Basin and Range it is 3.3 and in southeast Missouri it is 3.4.

For events of magnitude less than  $m_b=3.5$  in California, the local station networks show better detection capability than the stations which report regularly for P.D.E. In all of the four areas, the set of stations selected for gain and geographic distribution show improved detection capability over the set of stations which now regularly report for P.D.E.

5.4 Spatial Presentation of Network Detection Capability

The network probability versus magnitude curves of the preceding section display the expected network performance for a set of events representing a particular geographic region. Detailed presentation of the network detection capability by this method would require the construction of a large number of such curves depending on the detail desired. A more convenient method by which the spatial variation of the network capability is displayed in detail is to plot the magnitude for each epicenter location at a constant level of network probability. This has been done for the network threshold probability level and for the 100% probability level for the

Network Threshold Magnitude for the Set of All United States Seismograph Stations. Figure 37.

entire United States network of stations. The contoured results are displayed in Figures 37 and 38. For comparison, threshold probability maps were prepared for two subsets of stations. The first subset consists of the stations which regularly report for P.D.E. The second subset consists of five array stations (Figures 39 and 40). For each presentation the stations used are shown.

Figure 37 displays several interesting features. Only two limited areas west of the Rocky Mountain front, south-central Arizona and northeastern Oregon, have network threshold magnitudes greater than the average network threshold magnitude for the entire United States (see Figure 32). The highest network threshold magnitudes in the interior are in the central plains states. In detail the network threshold magnitude pattern is due to three conditions: (1) local pour on density; (2) local stations combined with high performance stations at regional distances: and (3) high performance stations alone.

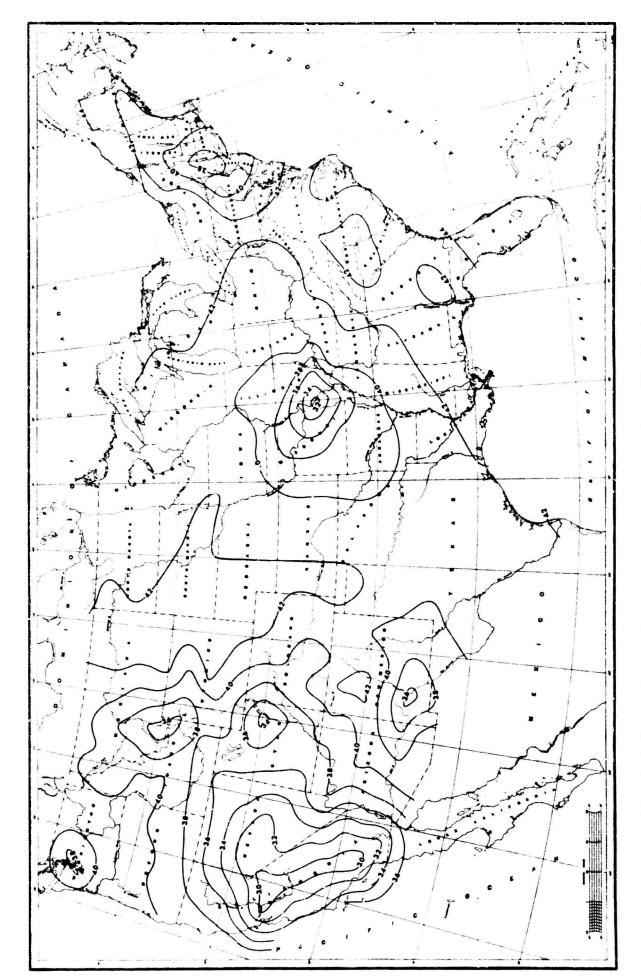
The areas which display the lowest network threshold magnitudes correlate well with local dense station coverage.

Examples are the California, Nevada, and Utah area, the Yellowstone Park area, the southeast Missouri area, and the southern New York area. In these areas the network threshold magnitude is well below the station threshold magnitudes of the high performance stations. Earthquakes occurring in these areas

which have magnitudes near the network threshold magnitude will generally be recorded only by local stations.

Local stations combine with high performance stations at regional distances to produce below average network threshold magnitudes in three areas; central Colorado, central Wisconsin, and southern North Carolina. The low of central Colorado is due to the combined detection capabilities of the local station, GOL, and the high performance stations ALQ, UBO, TFO, and CPO. at near regional and regional distances. A similar condition produces the low of central Wisconsin. Here two local stations, MDS and DBQ, combine with the high performance stations, TFO, BMO, and WMO, to provide the necessary control for epicenter location. The low network threshold magnitude values near the North Carolina-South Carolina border are a result of the combined capabilities of three local stations, CSC, CHC, and BLA, and two high performance stations, CPO and WMO, at near regional and regional distances. The low network threshold magnitude values centered in southwest New Mexico are due to a different condition. This is the optimum recording area for the high and average performance stations of Arizona and New Mexico.

The network capability in the central plains states is primarily due to the high performance stations. Consequently, the values are not significantly altered when the near stations are excluded.



Magnitude for 100 Percent Probability of Detection by at Least Five Stations of the Total Sct of All United States Seismograph Stations. Figure 38.

Figure 38 represents the 100% network probability level for the set of all United States stations. Since the station distribution is unchanged, the overall pattern is not significantly altered from that of Figure 37. However, with the exception of central California, the level is everywhere increased from 0.2 to 0.6 units of magnitude.

Figure 39 is a display of the network threshold magnitude for the subset of stations which regularly report for P.D.E.

The overall pattern as well as the maximum threshold level is not significantly altered from that displayed in Figure 37.

Again, the lowest values are generally in the western United States. The significant difference is in detail. A much reduced network capability is apparent along the Pacific coast and in the mountain states of the western interior. East of the Rocky Mountain front, the network capability is significantly reduced in the southeast Missouri and southern New York areas. In areas where the network capability is primarily due to the high performance stations, it is essentially unchanged.

For further comparison a network threshold magnitude map was prepared for the five array stations. These are, in terms of their predicted contribution to the total network capability, the best stations of the network. Furthermore, they are located so as to provide broad coverage. The results are displayed in Figure 40.

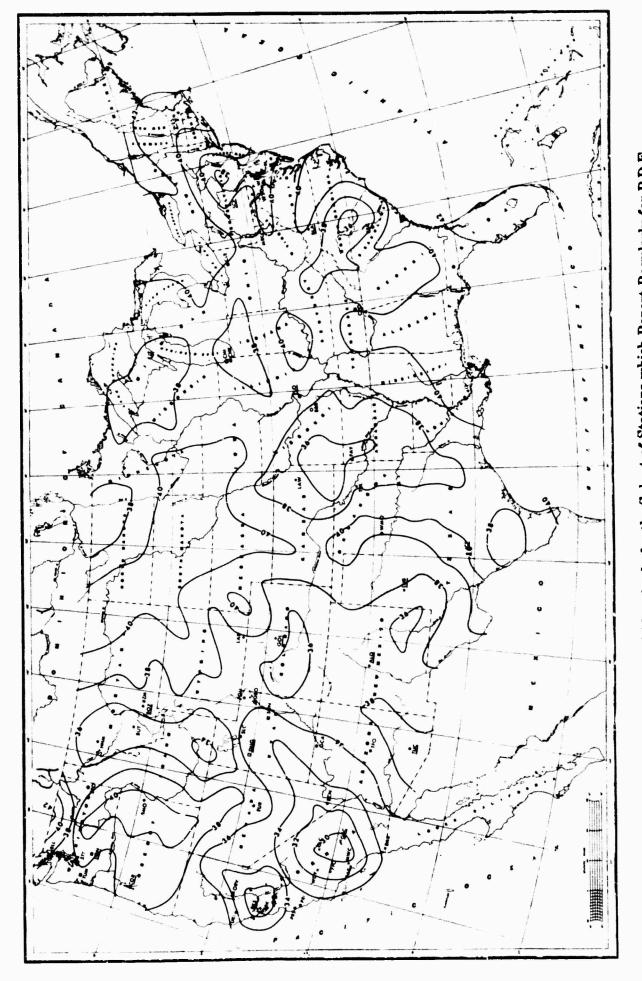


Figure 39. Network Threshold Magnitude for the Subset of Stations which Report Regularly for P.D.E.

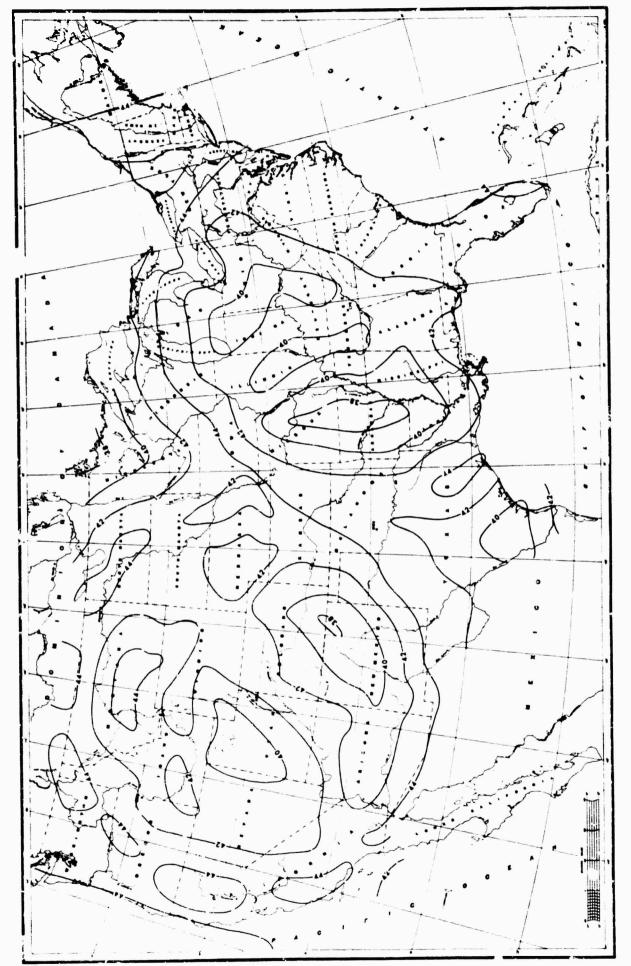


Figure 40. Network Threshold Magnitude for the Subset of Five Array Stations.

It may be observed that the highest network threshold values occur in concentric patterns corresponding to the shadow zone for each station. As it is specified that all five of the stations must detect each event, the network capability at any position is equivalent to the poorest station capability. More important, however, are the network threshold values in the central plains area. The values here are essentially equivalent to those for the set of all United States stations at the 100% probability level. Moreover, they approach the threshold magnitude level for the set of all United States stations. Similarly, in the southeastern states, the network threshold magnitudes for the five array stations are essentially the same as the 100% probability level for the set of all United States stations.

5.5 Accuracy of Hypocenter Determination and Quality of Station Distribution

In the preceding sections, attention has been given only to the detection of an event by at least five stations of various sets of stations. Experience has shown that detection by five stations does not assure a hypocenter location by the least square method. In the case of shallow earthquakes, with which we must be concerned in the United States, depth of focus is the most difficult hypocentral parameter to determine.

To obtain a solution for these events the depth generally must be restrained and a solution obtained for the origin time and epicenter.

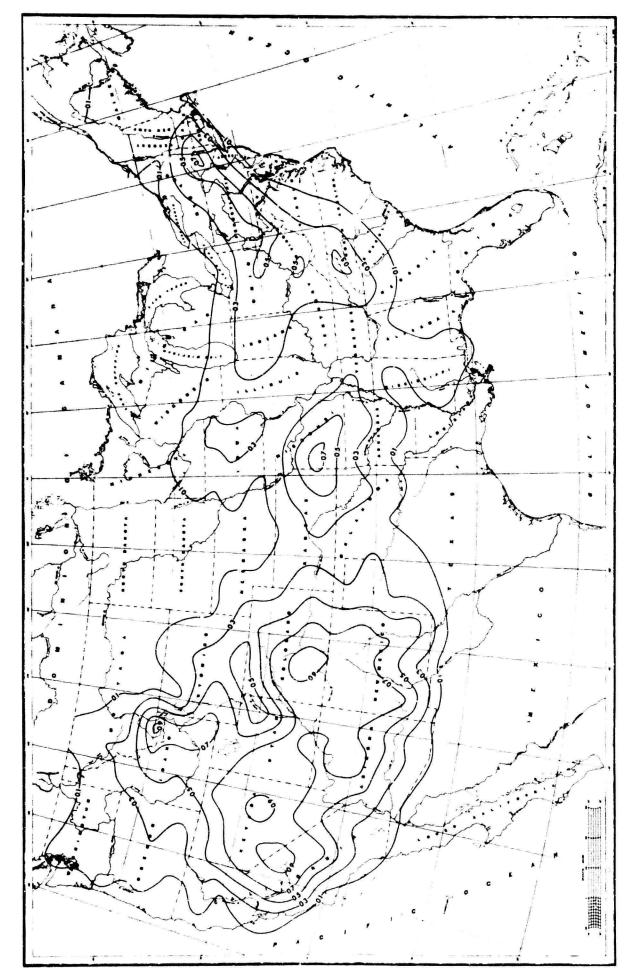
The difficulty is due to the least squares method which depends on the rate of change of travel time with depth for depth determination. Thus accurate depth determinations for shallow earthquakes in the earth's crust require station control near enough—the epicenter to lie on the curved portion of the travel time curve. For these events, therefore, accurate focal depth determination requires high density of stations—higher than is available in most areas. Difficulty also arises due to anomalous velocities which are not accounted for in the travel time curves. The least squares method requires that errors be normally distributed with respect to their expected value. Thus anomalous velocities which result in departures from this normal distribution are reflected in errors in the hypocenter location.

The general problem of error determination in earthquake location involves statistical treatment of recording station residuals. Such a treatment for the case of hypothetical epicenters requires consideration of systematic errors in travel time curves and regional travel time anomalies. These are

generally not well known. One situation bearing on the accuracy of epicenter determination which can easily be treated for hypothetical epicenters is the distribution of recording stations. Of particular interest in the present study is the case of a few recording stations possibly badly distributed around the epicenter.

The method of determining the quality of station coverage for an epicenter location described by Flinn (1964) has been used for this study. The resulting "distribution factor" which is normalized between zero and one, is a measure of the azimuthal distribution of the predicted recording stations about the epicenter location. Distribution factors for the 100% prebability of detection by the total United States set of seismograph stations (Figure 38) are displayed in Figure 41.

A distribution factor value of unity means that the predicted recording stations are uniformly distributed around the epicenter. A value of 0.7 or greater means that recording stations are rather evenly distributed in all four quadrants. Values between 0.4 and 0.6 usually imply a good distribution of recordings in at least three quadrants, often with control in the fourth quadrant. Values of 0.4 or less imply heavy weighting of recording stations in one quadrant, often with no centrol in one or more of the remaining quadrants.



Normalized Azimuthal Distribution of Stations Expected to Detect an Event at 100 Percent Network Probability Level as a Function of Geographic Position. Figure 41.

For the magnitude distribution of Figure 38, recording stations for epicenters within the areas enclosed by the 0.7 contours of Figure 41 may be expected to be evenly distributed among the four quadrants. These epicenters should have the most accurate locations. Epicenters in the areas inclosed by the 0.5 contours may be expected to have a good distribution of recording stations but control will usually be poor in one quadrant. Epicenters within these areas should have good accuracy. In areas outside of the 0.3 contours events will usually be strongly weighted with recordings in one quadrant and have no recordings in one of the remaining three quadrants. In these areas epicenter locations may be expected to be poor.

From the above considerations station density becomes more important than was implied from consideration of network detection alone. It was pointed out in Section 5.3 that the detection capability of the entire United States station network at the 100% probability level could be accomplished using about one half of the total number of stations. However, the above results suggest that the accuracy of hypocenter determination will be much reduced.

### 6. Comparison of Predicted Network Capability With Actual Network Performance

The geographic display of earthquakes on Figures 2 to 7 shows good correlation between areas which rave large numbers

of earthquakes with magnitudes less than 4.0 and the areas of low network threshold magnitude on Figure 39. The lowest magnitude earthquakes are reported from east-central Idaho and southern Nevada. These two areas comprise essentially all of the reported earthquakes of magnitude less than 3.5. The exception is California, where earthquakes of magnitudes less than 4.0 are not generally reported on P.D.E. cards.

A more complete comparison of the predicted and actual network performance has been gained by using 344 actual earthquakes reported on P.D.E. cards during 1963 as input data to the network capability program. The predicted results are summarized in comparison with a summary of the actual station performance in Table 8. Columns 1 and 2 show the number of events predicted to be recorded at each station and the percentage of the total. Columns 3 and 4 show the actual number of recordings reported and the percentage of the total. The last column shows the average station threshold magnitude for the entire set of 344 events.

A comparison of the actual and predicted network performance must take into consideration the completeness of seismogram analysis and subsequent reporting of data for P.D.E. For a majority of the stations this is difficult to evaluate.

The stations which are operated by the Coast and Geodetic Survey entirely or on a cooperative basis may be expected to provide the best basis of comparison. Seismograms from these stations are generally available for review concurrent with the preliminary determination of epicenters. Thus, significant readings are less likely to be missed in the process of seismogram analysis.

Using these stations (see Figure 18) as a basis of comparison, it is seen in Table 8 that all except four, ALQ, BOZ, RCD, and TUC, actually reported an equal or larger number of the events that was predicted. Of these four stations, RCD, was inoperative throughout the year, and BOZ was operative for only five months. In terms of numbers of events reported, EUR showed the best performance, having reported 86.5 percent of the 344 events located for P.D.E. as opposed to a predicted 70.9%. Thus, if these stations are representative of the entire network, provided complete analysis of the seismograms and reporting of the data is achieved, the predicted network capability at the threshold level is conservative.

Of the 51 stations which report regularly for P.D.E., 28 reported a larger percentage of the events than was predicted, while 21 reported fewer than were predicted. Two stations

TABLE 8

## COMPARISON OF PREDICTED STATION PERFORMANCE WITH 1963 REPORTS FOR PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF EPICENTERS

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<sup>\*</sup>Stations which regularly report for P.D.E.

were not operational. It is not known to what degree incomplete reporting of data influence these results. However, the overall predicted network capability is probably somewhat conservative.

#### 7. Conclusions

If complete reporting of data from all stations in the United States is achieved, it can be anticipated that the existing seismograph station network will have a 0.95 probability of detecting all earthquakes in the United States as small as magnitude 4.0 with at least five stations. local areas of high station density, this value may extend below magnitude 3.0. The magnitude corresponding to the 0.5 probability is 3.6. The 51 stations which regularly report for P.D.E. have a 0.87 probability of detecting all earthquakes in the United States as small as magnitude 4.0. Fifty-seven stations selected for geographic distribution and gain have a 0.92 probability of detecting all earthquakes in the United States as small as magnitude 4.0. Thus, for earthquakes as small as magnitude 4.0, the 57 selected stations have a capability approximately equal to that of the entire network of 116 stations.

The primary network control is provided by eight high performance stations. Twelve stations provide regional control, while 96 stations provide primarily local control. In areas of very low station density, the network capability is equivalent

some areas, the network capability is due to the combined capabilities of local stations and high performance stations at regional distance. In other areas, notably California, southwest Montana, southeast Missouri, and southern New York, the network capability is primarily a function of station density. In these areas earthquakes with magnitudes near the network threshold level may be expected to be recorded only locally.

Although about 80% of the stations contribute to the network detection capability only locally, they provide valuable local control for the determination of hypocenters. In terms of the azimuthal distribution of predicted recording stations earthquakes in the western mountain region, east central Missouri, and southern New York should have the best locations.

Comparisons of predicted station performance with actual reports for P.D.E. during 1963 indicate that the predicted network capability may be somewhat conservative.

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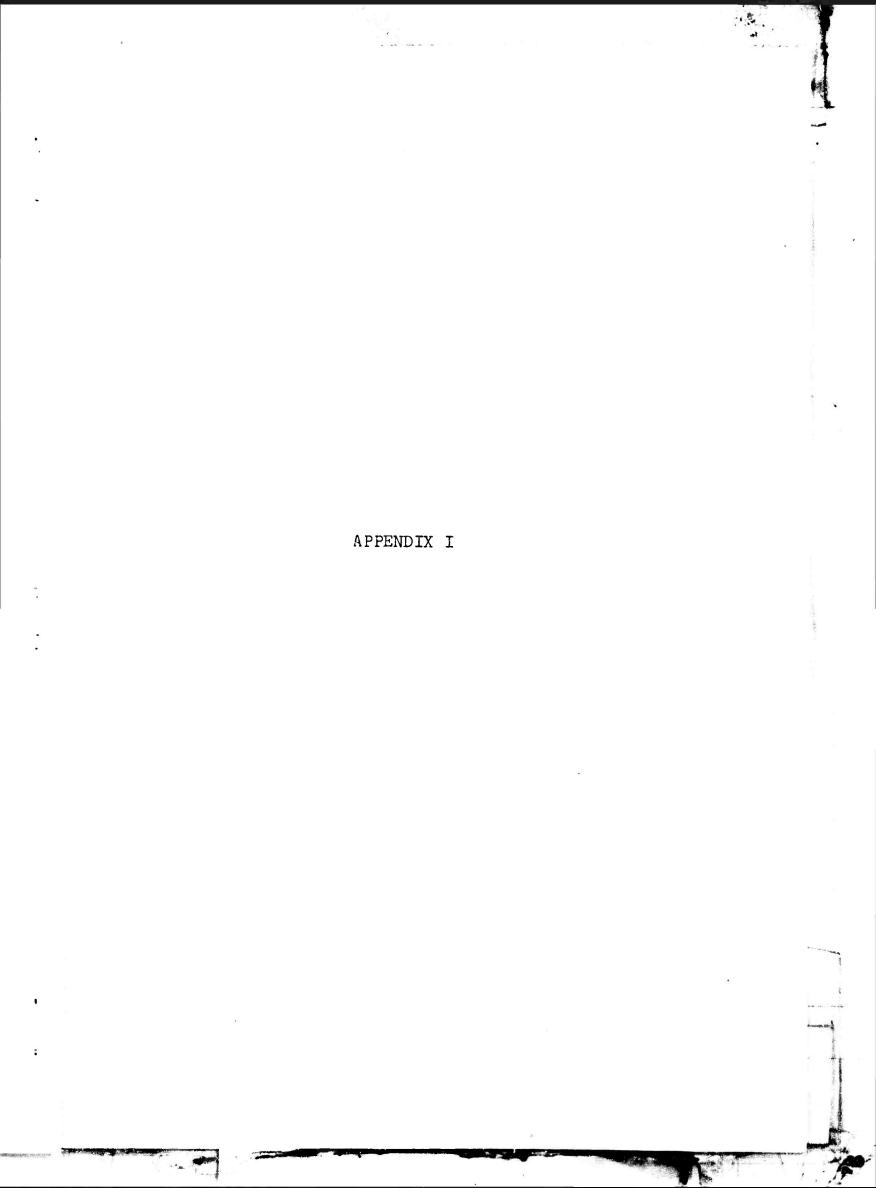
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APPENDIX II STATION INSTRUMENTATION

		Coord	Coordinates	•			
Station Location	Abbrevietion	N. Ist.	W. Icng.	Station Instrumentation	To (86c)	Tg (sec)	Megnification
Ann Arbor, Michigan	AAH	42 17 59"	83°39'22"	3 Benioff 100 kg, N, E, Z 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	30	00.75	750
Albuquerque, New Mexico	ALQ	34*56*30"	106°27'33"	3 Benioff 160 kg, N, E, Z 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	30.0	0.75	400,000
Arcata, California	ARC	40°52'36"	124 °04 ' 30"	1 Benioff 15 kg, Z 2 Wood-Anderson, N, E	0.9	6.0	5,870 2,800
Atlanta, Georgia	ATL	33*26'00"	84 *20 '15"	3 Benioff 100 kg, N, E, Z 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	30.0	00.75 00.	100,000 6,000
Berrett, Celifornia	BA R	32 •40 • 48"	116*40'18"	l Benloff 100 kg, Z	1.0	o.0	000*09
Roulder City, Nevede	BCN	35 *38 '51"	114 50 02"	1 Benioff M.C., Z	1.12	0.55	35,000
Bowling Green, Ohio	BG0	41 ^22 41"	83*39'33"	1 Sprengnether S.P., Z	1.5	1.5	3,000
Berkeley, California	BKS	37"56'48"	122 14:06"	3 Benioff 100 kg, N, E, Z 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z 2 Wood-Anderson, N, E 1 Benioff 14 kg, Z	0.00 0.00 0.00	0.75 0.2	25,000 3,700 8,800 15,000
Blacksburg, Virginia	BIA	37 12 40"	80*25'14"	3 Beniofr 160 kg, N, E, Z 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	30.0	00.75	50.000 3.000
Bloomington, Indlana	BI_0	39*11'20"	86*30'15"	1 Benioff 14 kg, Z 1 Benioff 14 kg, N 1 Benioff 14 kg, E 3 Sprengrether, N, E, Z	1.0 1.0 15		28,000 24,000 66,000

Bozeman, Montana	BOZ	45°36'00"	111°38'00"	3 Benioff 100 kg, N, E, Z 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	30.0	0.75 100	3,000
Berkeley, California	BRK	37 °52 ' 24"	122°15'36'	l Benioff 100 kg, Z 2 Wood-Anderson, N, E 1 Galitzin-Willp, Z 1 Galitzin-Willp, E 1 Galitzin-Willp, N 1 Benioff 100 kg, Z 1 Bress-Ewing, Z 1 Press-Ewing, Z	1001 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	930.52 330.52 330.52 330.52	Viuibie 100 100 651 883 1,082 2,400 2,200 650
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Caribou, Maine	CBM	"75'55" 94	68°07'15"	3 Benioff 100 kg, N, E, Z	1.0	9.0	1
Cape Girsrdeau, Missouri	CGM	37°19'00"	89°32'00"	l Benioff, Z 2 Sprengnether, N, E	1.0	06 90	1 1
Chapel Hill, North Carolina	снс	35 "55 ' 00"	79°03'00"	<pre>1 Wilson-Lemison, Z 1 Sprengnether, N 1 Sprengnether, E</pre>		1.8 6.95 5.28	25,000 5,000 5,000
Chicago, Illinois	сні	13°54'00"	87°38'00"	1 Sprenguether, Z 1 Sprengnether, N 1 Sprenguether, E	1.0 14 14	1.0 14 7	111
Canyon Junction, Wyoming	CJW	90 • कक कक	110°29'24"	1 Sprengnether, Z	1.09		•
China Lake, California	CIC	35 '49 '00"	117°35'48"	. Benioff 100 kg, Z	1.0	0,2	900,009
Cleveland, Chio	CLE	4 <b>1 °2</b> 9 '28"	81 °31 '52"	1 Sprengnether, E 1 Sprengnether, N 1 Sprengnether, E 1 Sprengnether, N 1 Sprengnether, N 1 Sprengnether, N	11.55.28 11.55.28	18.8 11.5 6.0 6.0	1,800 1,000 1,400 1,400 9,100

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Concord, California	City College, New York	Corvailia, Oregon	Columbia, South Carolina	Delles, Texes	Lowe	Dugway, Utah	East Machiss, Maine	El Paso, Texas	Bureks, Neusla	Payetteville, Arkensse	Flaming Gorge, Utah

Florissant, Historia	FLO	38,48,06"	90*22'12"	3 Benioff 100 kg, N, E, Z 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	30	0.75	50,000
Forches.	<b>204</b>	15, 15, 04	73*53'08"	3 Wilmore, N. E. Z 3 Press-Ewing, N. E. Z	1.0	0.25 90	3,000
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Fort Tejon.	PTC	34.52.24"	118*53'36"	1 Benioff, 2	1.0	0.2	
Glen Canyon, Arizona	OCA	36 "58125"	111 "35 "35"	1 Benioff M.C., Z 1 Benioff M.C., N 1 Benioff M.C., E	1.06	0.37 0.43 0.44	52,000
Glen Cove, Lew York	GCY	40°51°30"	73°37'48"	Home Made, 2	3.4	17.6	1,300
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Goldstone, California	080	35°18'06"	116°48'16.6"	5 Benioff 100 kg, N. E. Z 3 Press-Ewing, N. E, Z	30	0.75	200,000
Heiwes, Celifornie	HAI	36°08'12"	117"56'48"	1 Benioff, Z 2 Wood-Anderson, N. E	0.0	0.5	2,800
Hayfield, California	НАУ	33 42 24"	115°38'12"	l Benioff, N	•	•	•
Houston, Texes	HET	29°43'12"	95 "28'11"	1 Electro-Tuch, 2	5.0	25.0	10,000
Hungry Horse, Montans	ни	48°20'58"	114°01'39"	1 Benioff M.C., Z 2 Sprengnether, N, E	3.4	3.9	
Isabella, California	ISA	35 "36   36"	118"28'36"	1 Benioff, Z	1.0	<b>0:0</b>	1
Jamestown, California	JAS	37°56'42"	120°26'18"	3 Benioff 100 kg, N, E, Z	1.0	0.75	255, CC0

Junction City, Texas	JOI	30°28'46"	.80.84,66	3 Benioff 100 kg, N, E, Z 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	30	0.75	3,000
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Lawrence, Kansas	LAW	36"57'34"	95°1ئے 95	3 Sprengnether, N. E, Z	1	•	•
Llandad, California	E.F.A	36°37'00"	120*56'36"	l Benioff 14 kg, Z	1.0	0.2	76,600
Longmire, Washington	LON	,00°54°94	121°48'36"	3 Benioff 100 kg, N, E, Z 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	30	0°.75	100,000
Little Rock, Arkansas	LRA	34°47'00"	92 21 '00"	l Wilson-Lamison, Z l Sprengnether, Z	20	20	25,000
Lubbock, Texas	LUB	33°35'00"	101 *52 '00"	3 Benioff 100 kg, N, Z, Z 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	30	0.75 100	25,000 1,500
Madison, Wisconsin	<b>MD</b> S	43°22'20"	89*45	3 Benioff 100 kg, N, E, Z 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	30	0.75	100,000
Mt. Hamilton, California	MRC	37 20 130"	121°38'30"	l Benioff 100 kg, Z 2 Wood-Anderson, N, E	0.0	4.0	2,800
Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyoming	MHS	44.58.48"	110*41'42"	l Sprengnether, Z	1.09	•	•
jentatten, Kensas	MAT	39°11'59"	96*34'50"	1 Benioff 14 kg, Z 1 Benioff 14 kg, N 1 Benioff 14 kg, E 3 Sprenguether, N, E, Z	0.1 1.0 15	0000	25,000 20,000 22,000
Hile, Jaine	MIN	45°14137"	69*02'25"	3 Benioff 130 kg, N, E, Z	1.0 •	8.0	•

Mineral, California	MIN	40,50,42"	121 *36 '18"	1 Benioff 100 kg, Z 2 Wood-Anderson, N, E	1.0	<b>#</b> .0	75,000 2,800
Milford, Onio	MILP	39°08'14.6"	8, "16138.8"	1 Benioff 14 kg, Z 1 Benioff 14 kg, N 1 Benioff 14 kg, E	1.95 0.95 9.95	0.76 0.73 0.73	50,000 45,000 000,000
Minneapolis, Minnesoca	MNN	14°54'52"	93°11'24"	3 Beniofi 100 .g, N, E, Z 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	30,0	0.75	3,000
Morgantown, West Virginia	MRG	39°37'59"	79°57'16"	3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	1.5	ı	5,000
Mt. Wilson, California	MMC	34°13'24"	118°03'30"	1 Benioff, 2	1.0	0.2	•
New Orleans, Louislans	NOL	29 26 154"	.21,10,06	1 Sprengnether S.P., 2 2 Sprenguether L.P., N, E		11	• •
Ogdensburg, New Jersey	QDO	41°04'00"	74°37'00"	3 Benioff 100 kg, N, E, Z 3 Sprengnether, " E, Z 3 Willmore, N, ., Z 3 Hall-Sears, N, E, Z	30.0 9.0 9.0	0.75 100 15.0 90.0	100,000 750 -
Oroville, California	ORV	39°33'20"	121 °30 '00"	3 Benioff 10C kg, N, E, Z 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	1.0	0.75 100	100,000 3,000
Oxford, Mississippi	OXP	34°30·42"	89°24'33"	3 Benioff 130 kg, N, E, Z 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	30.0	0.75 100	50,000
Falo Alto, California	PAC	37 °25 '00"	122°10'54"	1 Benioff 100 kg, Z 2 Wood-Anderson, N, E	1.0	<b>†.</b> 0	15,000
Palisades, New York	PAC	41 "00 '25"	73°54'31"	3 Columbia U., N. E, Z 3 Benioff, N. E, Z 1 Columbia U., Z 3 Columbia U., Z 3 Columbia U., N. E, Z 3 Columbia U., N. E, Z	30 0.1.0 0.33 30 30	15 75 75 100	
Pasaden, California	PAS	3:1.08154"	118°10'18"	<pre>5 Benloff, N, E, Z 3 Benloff, N, E, Z 3 Press-Ewing, N, E, Z</pre>	1.0 30	90.5 80.8	60,000 10,000 2,000

Price, Utah	PCU	.hċ.9ĉ.6E	110°48'18"	l Benioff 100 kg, Z l Benioff 100 kg, N l Benioff 100 kg, E	1.0	5.0 5.0 5.0	24,370 10,860 10,450
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	PHI	39°57:32"	75°10'30"	1 Wenner 500 kg, N 1 Wenner 50' .g, E	0.0	9.5	ı
Palomar, California	PIM	33°21'12.4"	33°21'12.4" 116°51'42.1"	3 Benioff 100 kg, N, E, Z 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	1.0 30	0.75 100	50,000
Paraiso, California	PRS	36,161,98	121 *22 *12"	l Benioff 14 kg, Z	1.0	0.2	32,300
Rapid City, South Dakota	RCD	.0E.40.44	103*12*30"	3 Benioff 100 kg, N, E, Z 3 Sprengmether, N, E, Z	1.0 30	0.75 100	12,500 750
Reno, Nevada	REN	39°32'24"	119*48'45"	1 Sprengnether, 2 1 Sprengnether, E	15 15	100 75	1,200
Rolla, Missouri	ROL	37°55'04"	91°52'08"	l Benioff 14 kg, Z l Benioff 14 kg, N l Benioff 14 kg, E 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	1.0 1.0 15	0.00 0.00 0.00	35,000 21,000 14,000
Ruth: Nevada	RUT	39°14'00"	114°59'00"	3 Press-Ening, N. E, Z	0,30	06	•
Riverside, California	RVP	33°59¹36"	117*22'30"	3 Benioff, N. E. Z 3 Benioff, N. E. Z	1.0	c.2 90	150,000
Santa Cruz, California	300	37°00'24"	121°59'48"	l Benioff 14 kg, Z	1.0	0.2	30,400
State College, Pennsylvania	SCP	40°48'35"	77°52'16"	3 Benioff 100 kg, N, E, Z 3 Syrengnether, N, E, Z	30	0.75 100	50,000
Seattle, Washington	SEA	47°39'18"	122*18'30"	3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	1.4	1.4	1,400
San Francisco, (allfornia	SFB	37°46'36"	122*27:06"	1 Lehner-Griffith, 2 2 Wood-Anderson, N, E	0.8	0.3	12,000
Spring Hill, Alabama	SHA	30°41'41"	88•68123"	3 Benicff 100 kg, N, E, Z 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	30 30	0.75	6,250

Sait Lake uity Utah	SL?	40°45155"	111°50'54"	1 Wilson-Lamison, Z 1 McComb-Romberg, N 1 McComb-Romberg, E	1.1 12.0 9.3	1.68	200.6
St. Louis, Missouri	SIM	38.38.10"	90°14'10"	1 Benioff, Z 1 Wood-Anderson 2 Sprengnether, Z, N	1.0 0.8 15	1.0 90	6,000
Sar Nicolas, California	SNC	33"14"54"	119°31'24"	l Benioff, Z l Benioff, Z l Wood-Anderson, E	00.0	90	
Socorro, New Mexico	SNAM	34°04112"	106'56'36"	1 Willmore, 2 1 Press-Ewing, 2	1.1		100,000
Spokane Washington	SPO	#34.65 <u>.</u> 24	117°20'32"	1 Benioff 100 kg, Z	1.0	0.75	000'91
Tinenaha, (alifornia	TIN	37°03'18"	118°13'42"	l Benioff, Z 3 Benioff, N, E, Z 2 Wood-Anderson, N, E	0010	90 90 -	2,800
Tonopah, Nevada	TNP	38°64155"	117°13'05"	1 Beniaff 100 kg, Z 2 Bonioff 100 kg, N, E	0.95 0.93	0.2	220,000 220,000
Tucson, Alizona	TUC	32°18'35"	110*46'56"	3 Benioff 100 kg, N, E, Z 3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	30	0.75	200,000 3,000
Tulsa, Oklahoma	TUL	35°54133"	95`47'33"	3 Benioff 190 kg. 1., E, Z 3 Press-Ewing, N. E, Z	1.0 2.	0.75 95	1,800
Tumwate:, Washington	TUM	47°00'54"	122°54'30"	3 Sprengnether, N, E, Z	1.4	1.4	
Ukiah, California	מאג	39 °08 • 14"	323°12'38"	1 McComb-Romberg, N 1 McCumb-Romberg, E 1 Wilson-Lamison, 2	11.9	1.15	1 1 1
Unionville, Nevada	ניעא	40°26'32"	118°09'30"	l Johnson-Matheson, Z	1.27	0.08	130,000
Vineyard, California	VIN	36°45°00"	121 "23 '06"	2 Wood-Anderson, N, E	8.0	1	2,800
Vineyard, California	VIT	36°45°00"	121, 23, 18"	l Benioff 14 kg, Z	1.0	0.2	34,000

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<pre>1 Benioff, Z 1 Wood-Anderson, E</pre>	3 Benjoff 100 kg, N, E, $z$ 3 Sprengnether, N, E, $z$	
118°50'48"	71°19'20"	69°39'36"
35°42'00" 118°	42°23'05"	44°33'42"
<b>X</b> QM	WES	WTR
Noody, Salifornia	Weston, Wassachusetts	Warerville, Saine

\*The instrumentation listed for each station is based on the latest available information as of April 1965.

